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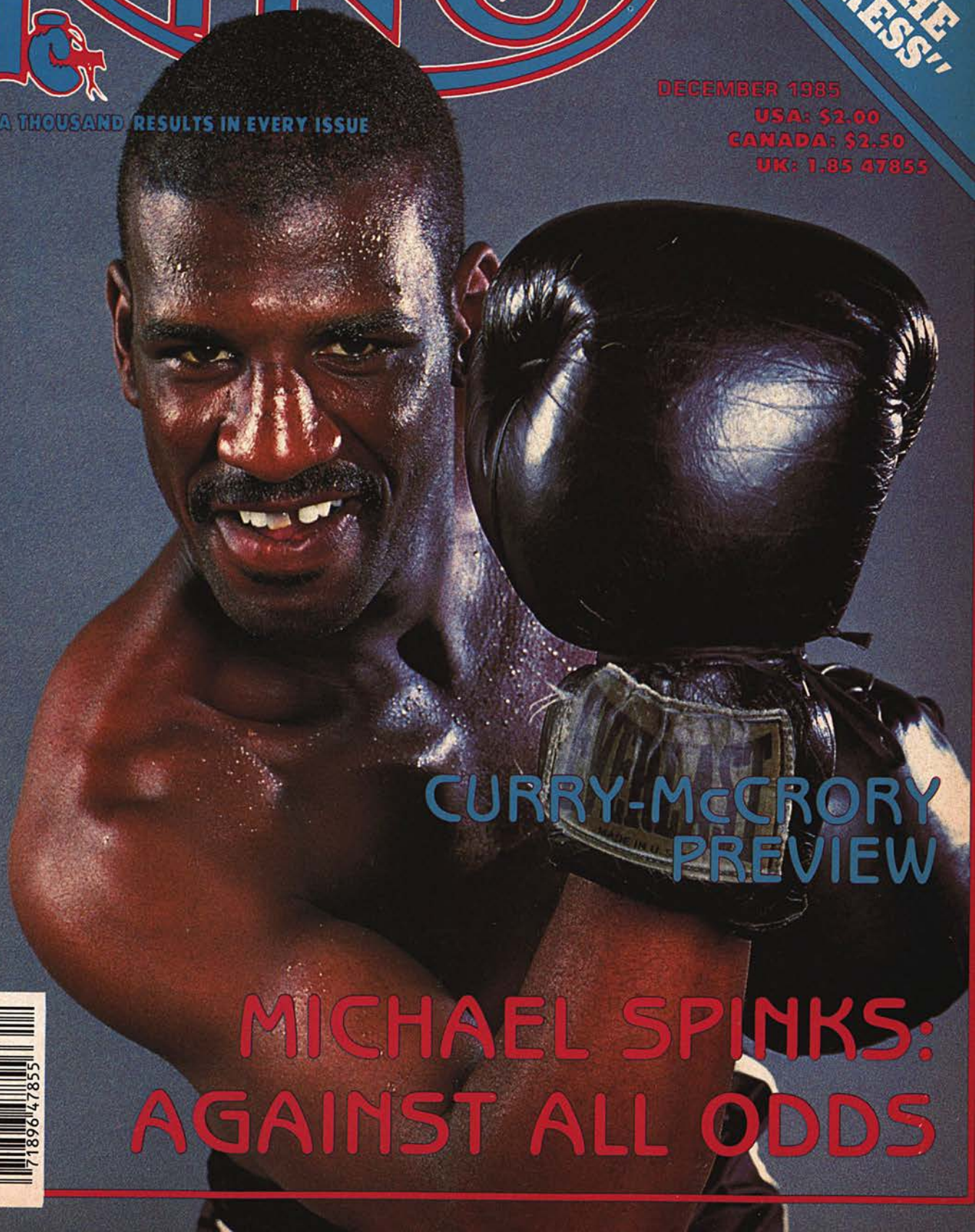

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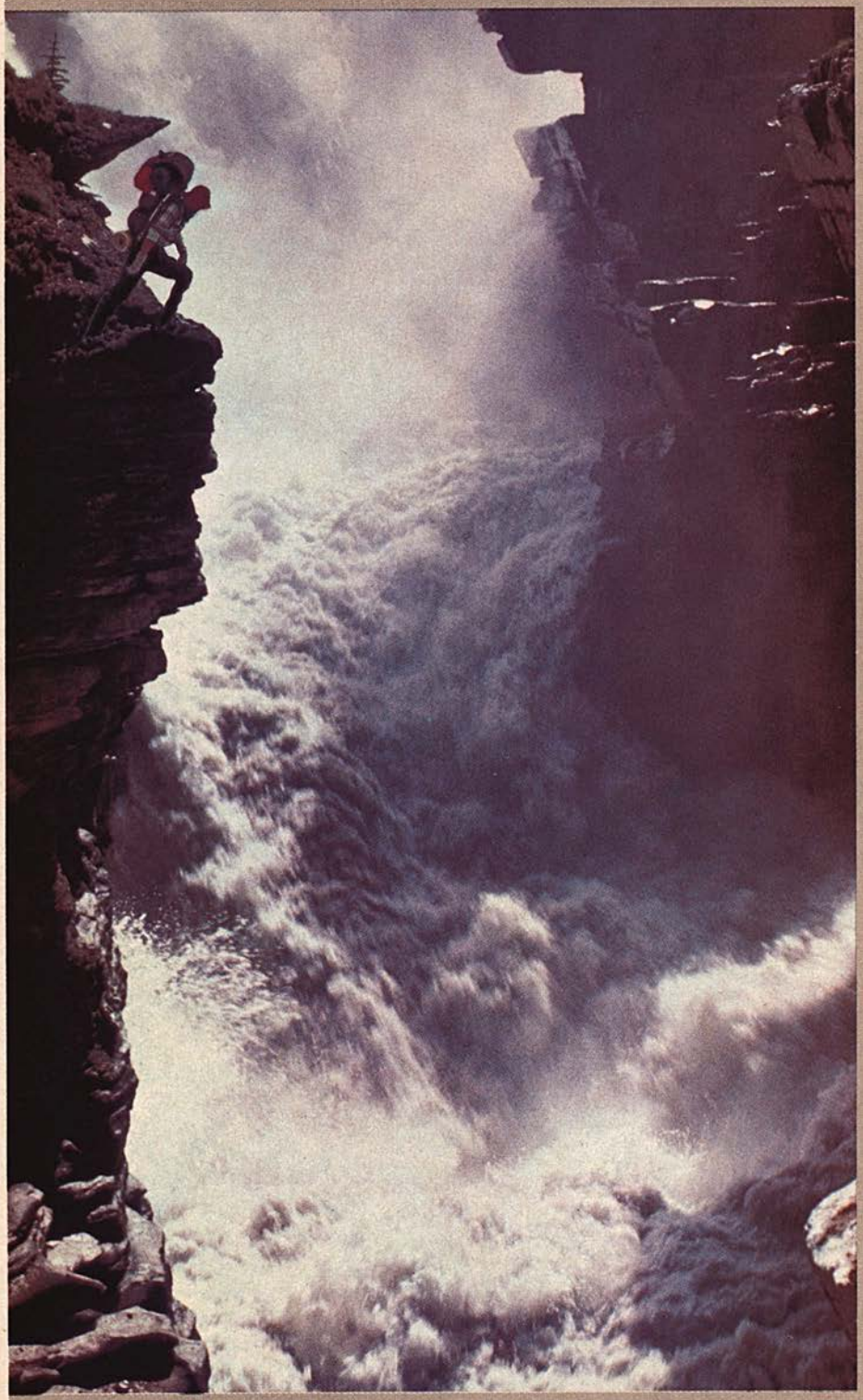

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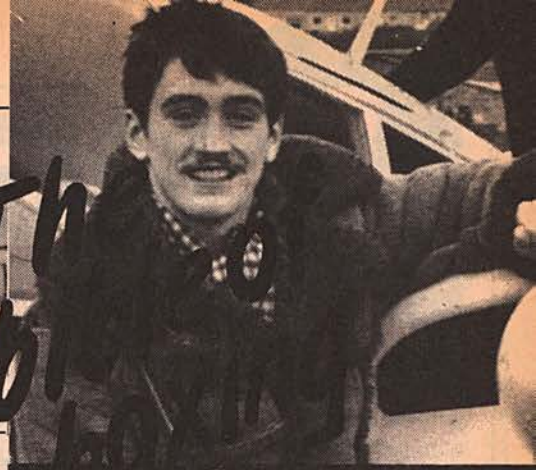

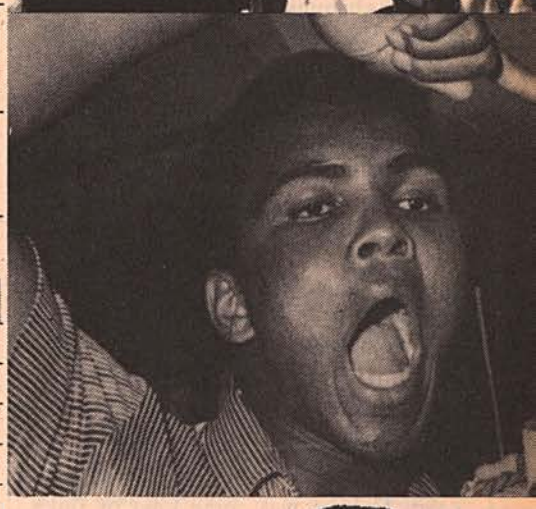

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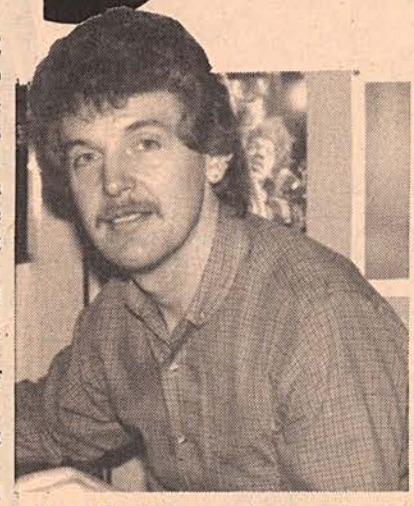


WHEN MICHAEL SPINKS BECAME the first light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title, he set into motion a series of events, the consequences of which have yet to be determined. Spinks' historic victory not only caused a tremendous shakeup among the heavyweights, it also created a vacancy at the top of the light heavyweight division. For obvious financial reasons, Spinks will relinquish the 175-pound crown, leaving the light heavyweight bauble up for grabs. The sad part is that Michael was one of boxing's two undisputed champions. Now, barring a major miracle, the light heavyweight title will soon be split again.

Two-time former champion Marvin Johnson currently holds down the top spot in the WBA, WBC and IBF ratings. But this doesn't mean the various governoring bodies will pull together and come up with a single champion. That makes too much sense. The way it looks at this point, Johnson will be matched (possibly with Trinidad's Leslie Stewart) for the WBA version, while the WBC, and maybe even the IBF, will hold their own box-offs.

Without benefit of an elimination tournament or any kind of direct lineage, it would be both arbitrary and unfair to recognize one of these champions over another. Therefore, for the time being, *The Ring* will consider the 175-pound championship vacant and recognize Spinks as the heavyweight champion.

The mad scramble among the heavyweights to get the first crack at Spinks is already underway. The general opinion seems to be that Spinks' win over Larry Holmes was some kind of fluke, and that any legitimate heavyweight will have an excellent chance of bowling him over. Unfortunately, neither WBC king Pinklon Thomas or WBA boss Tony Tubbs are among the fighters Michael is likely to meet in his first defense.

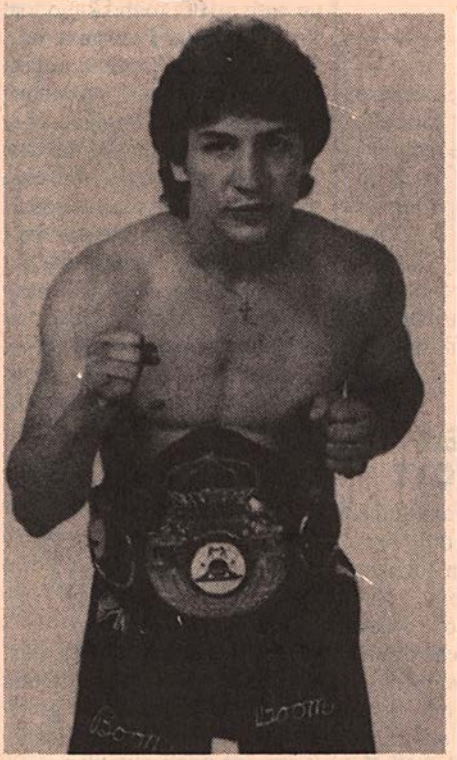
One of the names most often mentioned is Gerry Cooney. And while it is true that Spinks could probably earn a monster purse against Gerry, it's a match that shouldn't be sanctioned by any of the Alphabet Boys until Cooney beats a rated contender. At this moment, the IBF, taking Cooney's retirement announcement of a few months ago seriously, does not have Gerry listed among their contenders. *The Ring* urges them to keep it that way until Cooney *earns* a rating with his fists, not by the color of his skin.

There is also a good chance that Holmes will get a rematch. Although this will do absolutely nothing to help clean up the multi-title mess surrounding boxing's most pretigious title, it's a much more palatable match than Spinks-Cooney. The fact that Larry made a jackass of himself with his derogatory remarks about the late Rocky Marciano and his family, has nothing to do with his right to a rematch. Inside the ring, Holmes has been good champion. Frankly, I wish Larry would stay retired for his own good, but if he wants one more shot at his old crown, he's entitled to it.

The one person a lot of folks seems to be overlooking is Spinks himself. Many of the same people who dismissed Michael as a serious challenger are now predicting a very short reign for the new champion. This could be the biggest mistake of all. Incredulity has always been the wisdom of fools. Michael may not be the most domineering heavyweight champion of all time, but he's already accomplished something heretofore considered virtually impossible. It wouldn't shock me too much if he still has a few surprises up his sleeve. But whatever evolves during 1986, Spinks has certainly stirred the stew enough to make it a very interesting year.

Nigel Collins

Come Out Writing



Reader Desiree Cianciarulo writes that she will miss Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini and joins with all of Ray's fans in wishing him good luck in the future.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH RECENT letters that some people have submitted concerning Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini. Come on guys—let's give credit where credit is due! Ray is truly a "Champ," not only in the boxing industry, but also as a person. Let's face it, everyone has good days as well as bad, but when Ray is not being a super nice guy, everyone cuts him down for it. Ray is one of the most sincere people in the boxing industry, and believe me, I will certainly miss his fine qualities.

Ray, we'll miss you, but we will be watching for you in other areas. Good luck in whatever you do. We're still with you all the way and still love you. Knock 'em out!

DESIREE CIANCIARULO
Chicago, ILL

QUALITY BEFORE QUANTITY

I HOPE NOW THAT HECTOR Camacho is champ he'll be "Macho" enough to stick around for awhile and clear the air as to who is the king of the lightweights. He had hardly been crowned the new WBC champ before he started talking about becoming four divisions champion. Bagh! It's this kind of cocky thinking that's caused all the multi-champions mess in the first place—not to mention the discrediting and embarrassment of some of the greatest fighters in ring history; Alexis Arguello and Roberto Duran, to name but two. The lightweight division is, as *The Ring* has said time and again, the most talent rich of all today's weight classes. So, I would think, the time is ripe for one of these great talents to prove himself as the best of the bunch. Hector looks like he could be that man. Perhaps he should take a little tip from the "Marvelous One," and be content with being the best in his weight division instead of trying to do what no man before has ever done—be bigger than he really is. But, then again, maybe Livingstone Bramble's the man to watch.

MATTHEW V. JAMES
Jamaica Plain, MA

IN DEFENSE OF BAZOOKA

THE RING SCORED THE HOLMES-Williams fight in favor of Holmes, 145-140 (*The Ring*, August, 1985). On the other hand, at least one of your writers, and many readers, saw Williams win (*The Ring*, September, 1985). If there can be such a widespread disagreement with the scoring of *The Ring*, the self-proclaimed Bible of Boxing, why can't there be disagreement with the scoring of the judges of the Gomez-Lockridge fight in Puerto Rico without people claiming foul play? I want to remind the readers that it was not only the judges and the Puerto Rican crowd who scored the fight in favor of Bazooka. People like Mr. Steve Hollanda and his son, from Canada, who saw the fight while vacationing in San Juan, also saw Bazooka win (Come Out Writing, September, 1985). Are they corrupted?

I personally saw the fight as a draw. Had Lockridge gotten the nod, I would have not been upset. It was a close fight. Also, Lockridge is a good fighter and a gentleman. However, it annoys me when people say that he was robbed. Lockridge lost because he ran out of gas in the rounds that separate the men from the boys, the so-called championship rounds. Gomez, on the other hand, showed once again why we Puerto Ricans feel so proud of him. Gomez was Gomez! I gave him the last five, yes sir. His recovery and domination down the stretch were remarkable; and they were all the most impressive if we keep in mind that he is in the twilight of his brilliant career and was not fighting in his natural weight. It was a case of a good fighter being defeated by a great fighter. Wilfredo Gomez is not a legend for nothing.

DR. GILBERTO PAGAN
New Brunswick, NJ

WE GOOFED

PERHAPS *THE RING* DETECTIVE should take a closer look at the records printed in *The Ring* magazine. Take for an example the record of Julio Cesar Chavez which appeared in the July '85 issue. According to this, Julio appears to be unbeaten. However, if you look at page 58 in the June 1981 issue, you'll learn that Julio lost on disqualification in the first stanza on March 4th, 1981 in Culiacan, Mexico, to Miguel Ruiz. So unfortunately, Julio will never be one of those chosen few who eventually retire with an unbeaten record—that is, if the result in the June issue was not an error.

LARS H. CHRISTENSEN
Frederiksberg, Denmark

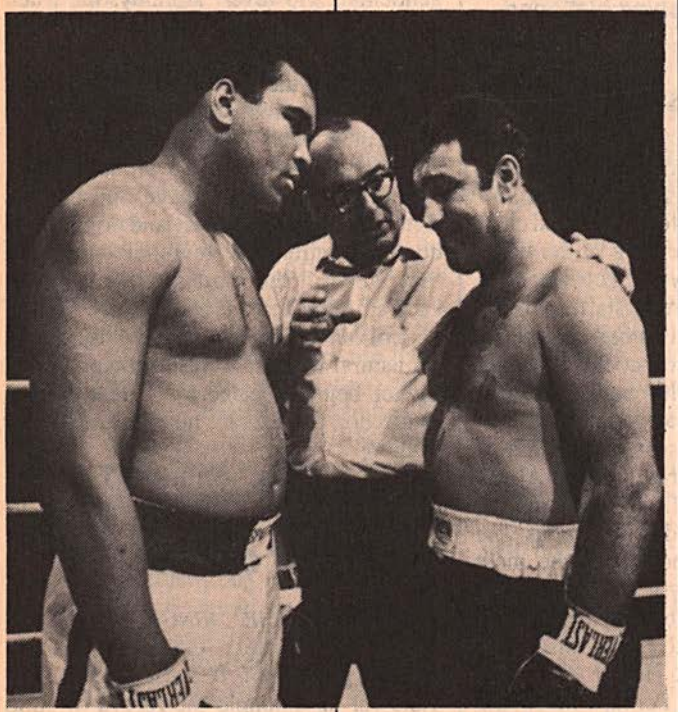
Editor's Note: *The Ring* detective has been retired for some time, but perhaps Mr. Christensen would like to fill in for him. Both the June '85 issue of *The Ring* and Mr. Christensen are quite correct. Chavez was disqualified in his bout with Ruiz.

Round One

by Nigel Collins

THE STORY BEHIND THE COVER STORY

Fighters have long been known for their remarkable recuperative powers. But some of our writers are just as resilient. Regular readers are familiar with Jack Welsh, whose byline appears in most issues of *The Ring*. Jack covers the Las Vegas beat for us, and is a valued part of the team. About two weeks before the Michael Spinks-Larry Holmes match, Jack was a guest on Lee Pete's radio show, broadcast live from the Showboat Hotel/Casino.



An overweight Muhammad Ali and Rocky Marciano (wearing a hairpiece) size each other up prior to their "staged" computer fight, won by Marciano via knockout. More recently, a computer picked "The Rock" to do the same to Larry Holmes.

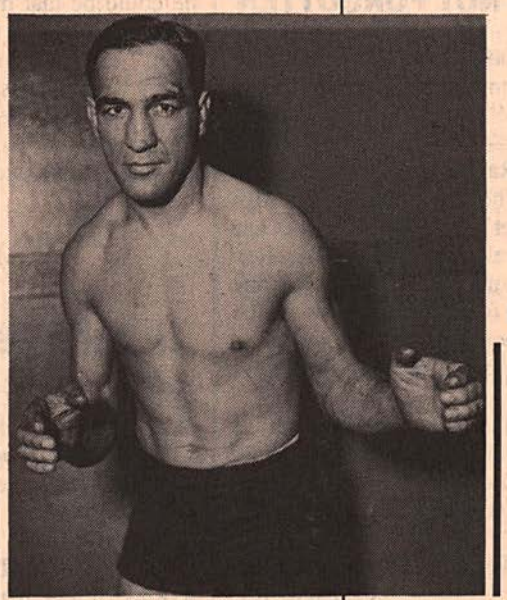
While interviewing former light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, Jack was stricken with a heart attack. He was rushed to Sunrise Hospital and underwent immediate open heart surgery. Although our main concern was Jack's well-being, his illness posed another serious problem: Who was going to cover the Spinks-Holmes fight in his absence? A few days after Jack's operation, I was speaking to Catfish Hunter, press officer for the Riviera. Naturally, Jack's misfortune was the main topic of conversation. When I told Catfish that I had yet to make a decision about who would be filling in for him, Jim said not to worry. Jack had already called him from his hospital bed, telling him not to give his press pass to anyone because he would be there himself. And sure enough, the redoubtable Mr. Welsh was back on the job only 10 days after his near-fatal attack. This month's cover story is not only a fine piece of boxing journalism, it's a tribute to Jack's dedication and fighting spirit.

COMPUTER CONSPIRACY?

When it comes to picking the winner in a fight, computers have about as much luck as most sports writers. Remember back in 1967, when one of these electronic wizards picked Roger Rouse to defeat Dick Tiger in their battle for Dick's light heavyweight title? Well, Tiger retained his crown, knocking out both Rouse and the computer in the 12th round. But some people never learn. As Larry Holmes closed in on Rocky Marciano's unbeaten record, the New York *Post* decided to ask an IBM-AT (supposedly the most sophisticated computer in its weight division) who would win a fight between Holmes and Marciano. IBM-AT came up with a 10th round kayo for Rocky and the *Post* gave it a big play. The result brought to mind another computer fight involving Marciano: the one between the "Brockton Blockbuster" and Muhammad Ali. Rocky won that one too, prompting Ali to say that the computer was probably made in Alabama. Holmes echoed Ali, saying: "How can you beat a white man at a white man's game?" They were both wrong. The problem here is quite apparent. Both computers were obviously made in Brockton.

FINAL BELL FOR THE "ASTORIA ASSASSIN"

It seems as if each month, this page carries the news of the death of still another great fighter. But at least this time it was at the ripe old age of



Former light heavyweight champion Paul Berlenbauch as he looked in 1934. The "Astoria Assassin" was one of the few boxers to also have a successful career as a wrestler.

Round One

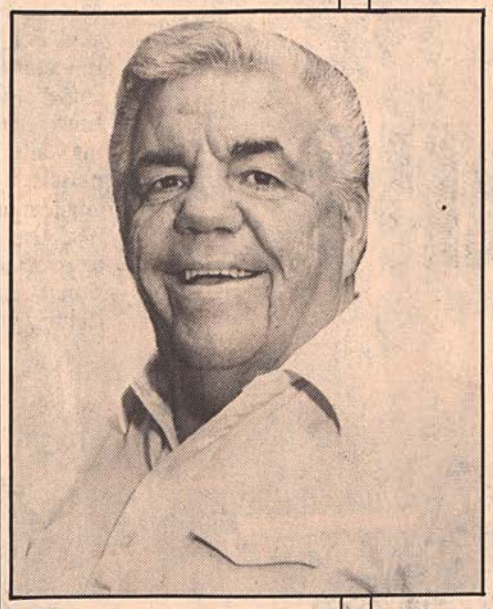
84. We refer to former light heavyweight champion Paul Berlenbach, who gained fame as the "Astoria Assassin" in the 1920s. A native New Yorker, Berlenbach won the 175-pound crown with a 15-round decision over Mike McTigue, May 30, 1925. He lost the belt to Jack Delaney the next year, then turned to professional wrestling in 1928. He switched back to boxing in 1931, but retired from the ring after losing two of four bouts. He was one of the most colorful athletes during sporting's Golden Age, an era that included the likes of Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Babe Ruth, and Bill Tilden. Berlenbach, who had a total of 50 bouts (37-8-3, 30 kayoes, and two no contests) was elected to *The Ring*'s boxing Hall of Fame in 1971. He is survived by his son, Paul, Jr., and three grandchildren.

PRYOR UPDATE

Bob Lee, president of the IBF, says that Aaron Pryor, who hasn't defended his junior welterweight title since he outpointed Gary Hinton on February 2, 1985, will be allowed to hang on to his belt providing he complies with the following: Aaron must pass two physical examinations a month apart and then sign to defend against the leading available contender. Meanwhile, our sources in Cincinnati tell us that the "Hawk" is back in the gym, and while he certainly hasn't been looking like the Aaron of old, there now seems to be a glimmer of hope.

TOP RANK ECUMENICALISM

Bob Arum, recently back from the McGuigan-Taylor bout in Belfast, had this story to tell about his first trip to the Emerald Isle. It seems that Bob was taking a taxi cab tour of the troubled city. As they entered a certain section, the driver informed Bob, "This is a Catholic area, you had better roll up your window." A little while later, the driver said, "This is a Protestant area, you had better roll up your window again." Then the driver said, "By the way, are you Catholic or Protestant?" "I'm neither," replied Arum. "I'm Jewish." "Yes," insisted the driver. "But I want to know whether you're a Catholic Jew or a Protestant Jew."



Manager Lou Duva wasn't smiling when WBA lightweight king Livingstone Bramble told him he wanted to switch trainers.

ROSIN DUST

Although Gerry Cooney might return to boxing for a crack at Michael Spinks' IBF heavyweight title, he's been hearing plenty of bells ringing away from the squared circle. According to a report in the "Money" section of *USA Today*, during the past six months, Gerry's pay phone and leasing company has installed 150 coin phones around Long Island . . . *Lefthander Magazine*, a publication devoted to southpaws, has named Marvelous Marvin Hagler its "Lefthander of the Year" . . . *The Ring*'s longtime Puerto Rican correspondent, Mario Rivera Martino, picked Spinks to upset Holmes in an article published in the September 20th issue of the *San Juan Star*. Way to go, Mario. You join contributing editor Joseph D'O'Brian as the only two staffers to predict that shocker . . . Undefeated light heavyweight Dave (The Hammer) Harris died during a workout at New York's Ringside Gym. We will give full details in the next issue following an autopsy by the city's Medical Examiners office. At the time of his death, Harris was 11-0, seven knockouts, as a pro . . .

Ready for Action. Two-year-old Ruben Williams Jr. tries on his dad's boxing gear. Ruben Sr. is a California cruiserweight.

PUNCHLINES

Manager Lou Duva, discussing WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble's wish to switch trainers and work with Panama Lewis: "We're having a meeting of the minds, but only one is functioning right now—mine."

Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, describing his mass appeal: "I was the Elvis Presley of boxing."

A brutally honest Dr. George Ginter, M.D. and professional fighter, speaking of his prowess in the ring: "Realistically, there are a lot of better fighters than me. I'm a club fighter." □

Special to *The Ring*

SIR FINBAR PATRICK McGUIGAN?

BY JACK MAGOWAN

One Of Ireland's Top Boxing Writers Looks At His Nation's Greatest Sporting Hero

"THE IRISH ARE A NOBLE RACE," SAID Dr. Johnson. "They think nothing but ill of each other . . . ."

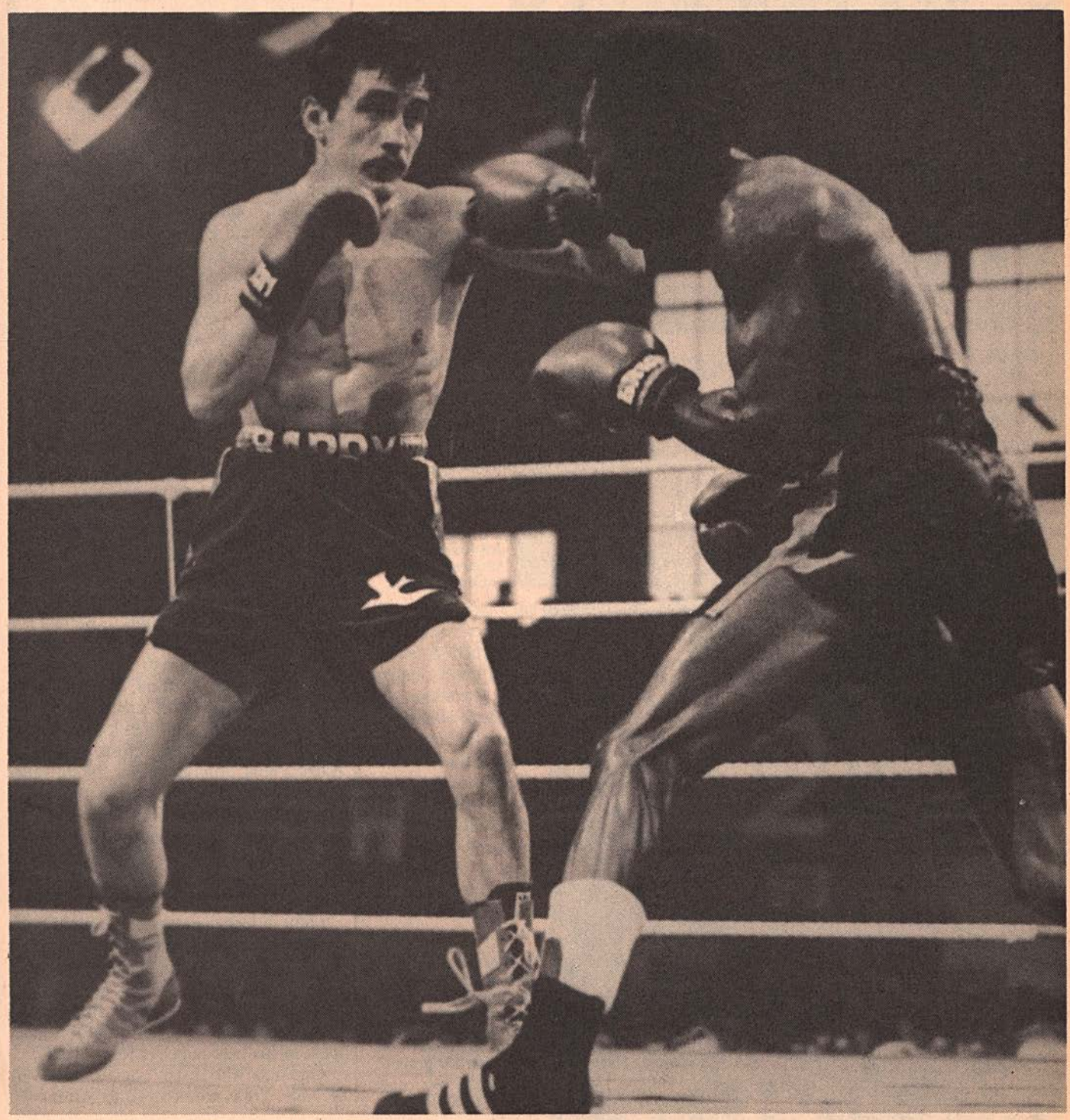
Happily, not all the time. Not in the regal company of WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan. For while political and religious bigotry threaten at times to tear the heart out of green and fertile oul Ireland, this jockey-sized Catholic waif married to a Protestant is happily building bridges in a gallant bid to unite a restless community. And not without success. They say he could steal a vote or two from Ronald Reagan in a fair fight, and may eventually end up with a Knighthood.

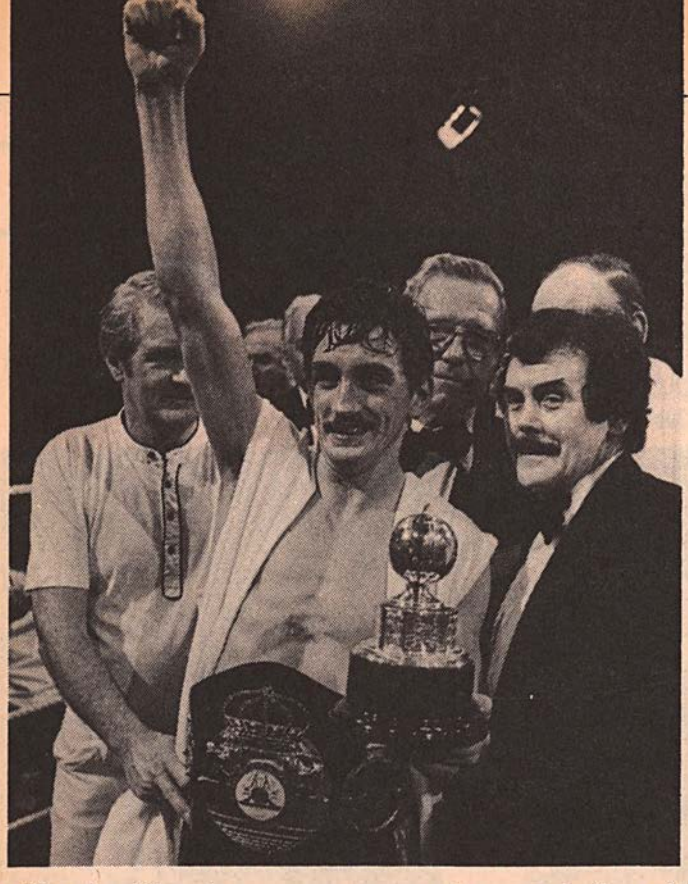
Rise, Sir Finbar Patrick McGuigan of Newtownbutler. The title certainly has an inviting ring.

It was in the spring of '81 that the McGuigan comet first raced across an Irish sky. For years, the game here had been in a coma. It needed a blood transfusion, somebody with magnetism and talent. Enter McGuigan, then only 20, good looking, ambitious, nine-stone of rope-cord muscle tightly wound. Already a crack amateur and Commonwealth Games Gold medalist, all the kid needed was somebody to manage him in the ways of a professional, and who better for the job than Belfast bookmaker Barney Eastwood, a

McGuigan and manager Barney Eastwood (background) get ready for a flight to England where Barry was honored as Britain's Boxer of the Year.

It took a while for Barry McGuigan (left) to catch up with challenger Bernard (B.T. Express) Taylor, but when he did, Taylor quickly became unglued.





McGuigan and his father enjoy their moment in the spot light shortly after Barry stopped Bernard Taylor in defense of his WBA featherweight belt in Belfast.

self-made millionaire.

"When Sugar Ray Robinson was world champion, he had a manager, trainer, valet, barber, two doctors and a golf pro all ministering to his needs," chuckles McGuigan. "The Sugar man, however, has nothing on me. My management team is the best—from Mr. Eastwood the decision-maker right down to the fellow who sweeps the floor of the gym. We're a first-rate team. . . ."

How nice it is to hear a world champion call his manager "Mr." It's the kind of old-fashioned courtesy few sporting idols reserve for anybody these days. Such charm seems to come naturally to McGuigan. A warm, engaging young man, Barry knows his place and plays it cool. Until he married Sandra, a childhood sweetheart, his home in Clones was a 250-year-old re-modelled tea mill called "The Diamond," and everything about the place has a neon-glitter.

'It's the oldest house in County Monaghan," says Barry. "My brother Dermot and I built a gym in the basement, which was a great incentive to train. Then the worst happened. During the festivities that followed my world title win over (Eusebio) Pedroza—and they lasted all night and most of next day—somebody dropped a lighted cigarette end, and almost burned down my parents' home. The gym and most of the contents were destroyed."

Pedroza . . . . ? What a super fight that was, arguably the best performance by a British boxer since Randy Turpin's shock defeat of Robinson 34 years before. Take a bow, Gerald Hayes. For if you were to ask an astute Eastwood who finally convinced McGuigan he would beat the legendary Panamanian, he'd tell you it was the veteran New York featherweight.

"Hayes was worth his weight in gold to us," says Barney. "So much so that we happily doubled his wages. And Barry was grateful for his help, too, before the Juan Laporte and Bernard Taylor contests. Not only had Gerald fought all three guys, he knew what was needed to beat them, and could put it into words.

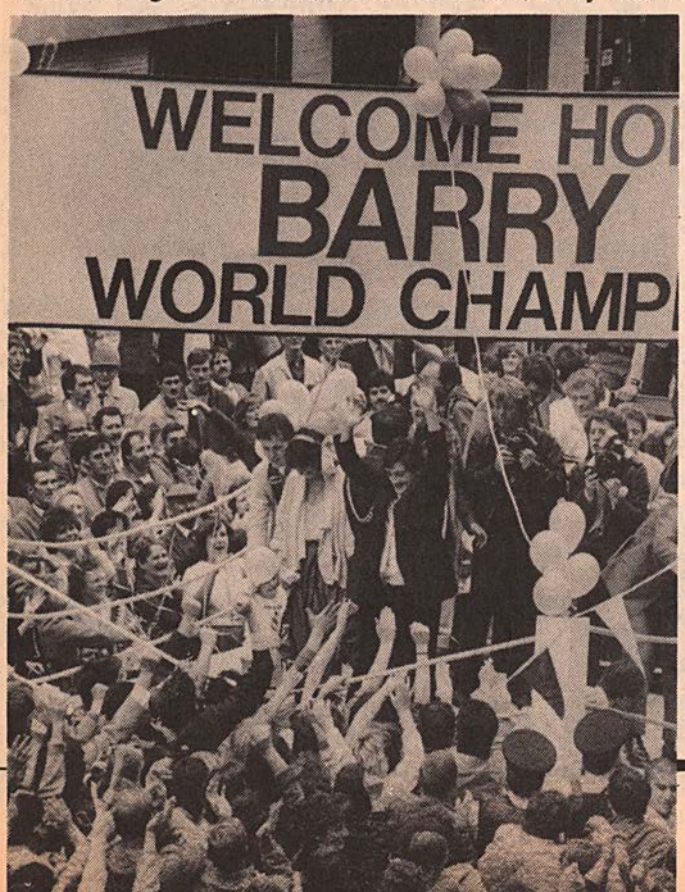
"For me, Hayes and Bobby McQuillar (who got McGuigan ready for the Jose Caba job) are a coaching duo probably without parallel in a British or European gym."

A McGuigan fight night in Belfast is a cataclysmic event guaranteed to reduce 7,000 King's Hall fans to a state of gibbering, uncontrolled hysteria, and more often than not, hypnotize the opposition.

Laporte revelled in the electric atmosphere, and twice came close to rocking Barry's boat. Runner Taylor, on the other hand, looked good only for as long as his back-pedalling legs would carry him, and punctured like a worn-out old car tire before waving the white flag of surrender still sitting on his stool at the end of round eight.

Only in jerky spasms that night did we see the body-jarring hooks which have become a McGuigan trademark. Like Billy the Kid, the Irishman drops his left hand below the waist, and makes like he was the fastest gun in the West, but for once, most of his best punches fired blanks.

One man who doesn't agree, however, is New York promoter Bob Arum. To



Part of the huge throng that greeted McGuigan (center wearing black jacket) upon his return to Ireland following his great victory over Eusebio Pedroza.

ringsider Bob, "McGuigan is the strongest and best featherweight I've ever seen, and I want him for a world title double-header with Marvin Hagler before 70,000 Boston-Irish next summer."

Arum was laying the syrup on thick; then came the inevitable interruption. "McGuigan, we know, is good, but what about Sandy Saddler, Vicente Saldivar or Willie Pep?" queried a voice from the Press gang. "Did you ever see them?"

Promoter Bob honestly confessed that he never had!

Ironically, McGuigan himself has been called "King Quote," maybe with some reason. The 24-year-old grocer's boy is a press agent's dream, always there when wanted, and never in need of a prompt. Right now, he could be spending more time giving interviews than keeping in shape, but when the time comes to strip for action, he is always ready.

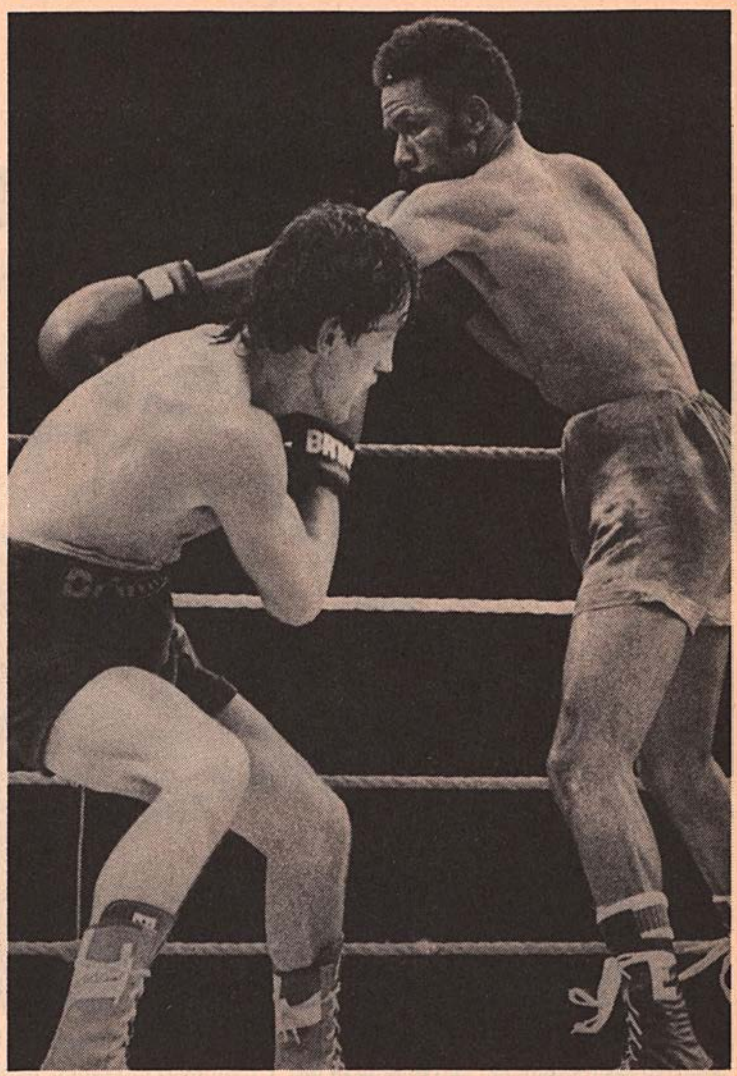
Sandra McGuigan is expecting No. 2, and the Champion says he doesn't want to fight again until after the 'happy event,' which should mean early in the New Year.

And who could face the doubtful pleasure of swopping punches with the Clones Cyclone?

The names of Azumah Nelson, the WBC 126-pound champion, and Wilfredo Gomez have been mentioned, but so, too, has the tough Mexican, Marcos Villasana. The final choice could be a television one. Whatever American TV wants in return for a half-million handshake, they're bound to get.

Unlike most Irish boxers, McGuigan will have something in the bank when he hangs up his gloves three years from now, and, champion or not, a retirement date in 1988 is firmly fixed in his mind. Barry has a beautiful home overlooking a lake only a stone's throw from one of Ireland's infamous Border crossings, and recently swapped his fire-engine red Lotus Esprite for a gleaming new $30,000 Mercedes saloon. Yet boxing's Mr. Nice Guy would gladly give away car, house and a lot more in return for the life of the brave little Nigerian who died after being knocked out by him in a London contest over three years ago.

"My heart still aches for Alimi Mustafa (ring name, Young Ali)," confesses Barry. "What happened to him was an accident, a terrible accident, and at the time I thought seriously about quitting the sport. My mind wasn't in boxing. Then an old friend, a priest, talked some sense into me. Boxing, he felt, was a risk business. It could have been me badly hurt that night. That's the gamble every fighter takes when he ducks between the ropes."



McGuigan ducks low to avoid a straight left from Pedroza during their epic battle for the WBA featherweight title in London.

For McGuigan, the countryboy who helped give a floundering sport a captive new audience, then crowned it all with a world title (or half of it), the door to fame and fortune is wide open. Recently, *Sports Illustrated* did a five-page color spread on Barry, the fruits of a full week's research by the globe-trotting Clive Gammon.

Clive tells how he ran into former Olympic international Billy Barnes, who agreed with the majority that the Cyclone is the best of all fighting Irishmen.

"I would compare him with Sugar Ray," insisted Barnes. Gammon started to say something about an ex-champion called Leonard, whereupon Barnes gave him a cold stare.

"Sugar Ray Robinson," snapped Billy impatiently. A passionate Barnes soon referred to McGuigan as boxing's new Messiah, yet Barry, as Gammon points out, is far from being the rallying stage for yet another religious schism to torment Ulster. Just the reverse, in fact.

"We're all one, Catholics and Protestants, when McGuigan fights," adds Billy. "Nothing, or nobody, brings the people of a troubled land together quicker than Barry McGuigan. We're all so proud of him . . . and his winning talents."

It was in 1968 that crooner Pat McGuigan, Barry's dad, went to London's Royal Albert Hall, and took third place behind a pretty Spanish girl and Cliff Richard in the Eurovision Song Contest with a smart little number called "Chance of a Lifetime." Fighter McGuigan got his chance of a lifetime (and took it) when he tangled with the great Pedroza some months ago, and there are more triumphs on the way. You can bet on it! □

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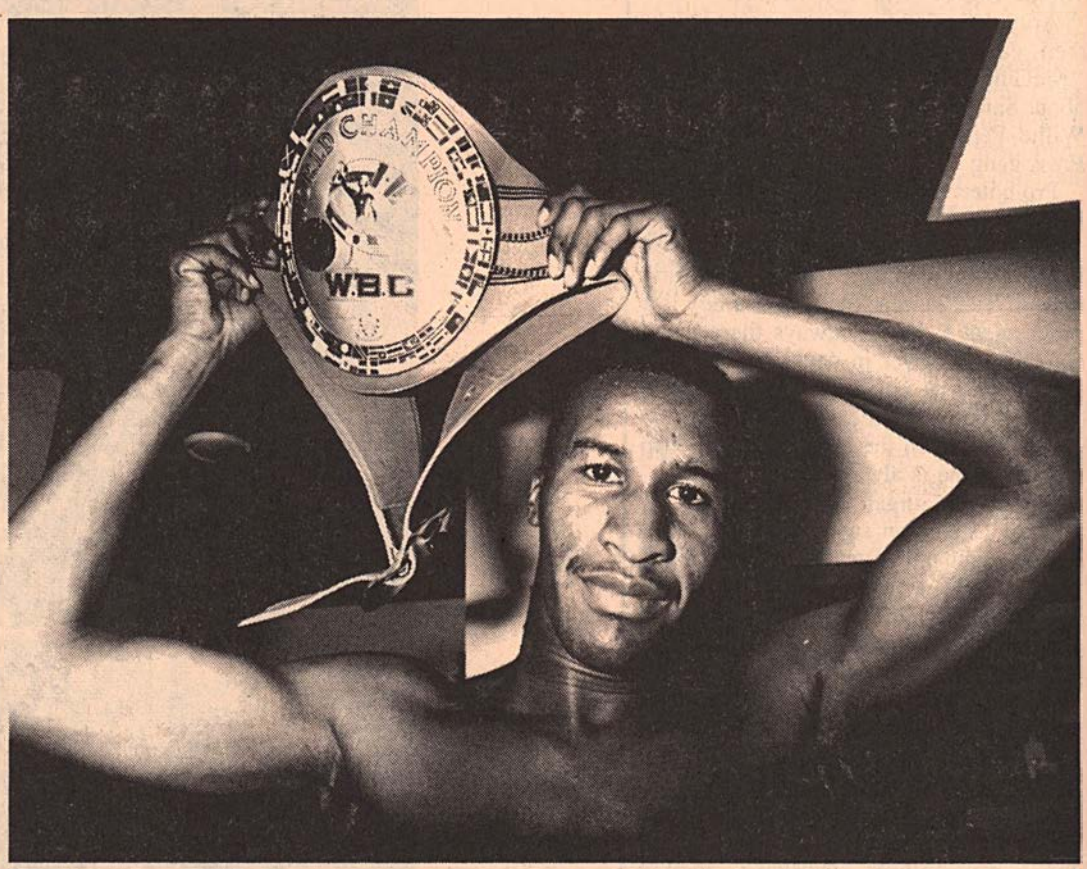
THE RING PREVIEWS THE BIG FIGHT

Donald Curry and Milton McCrory in Showdown to determine Sugar Ray Leonard's Successor



Associated Press Photo

Underdog Milton McCrory displays the WBC belt he'll put on the line against Donald Curry in their unification bout.

WHEN SUGAR RAY LEONARD announced his retirement from boxing in the winter of 1982, it created a vacuum that has yet to be entirely filled. In terms of commercial appeal, boxing's loss was staggering. Although fighters like Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Ray Mancini, Hector Camacho, and even Sugar Ray himself during his brief comeback, have partially filled that void, the undisputed welterweight throne has remained vacant. In the meantime, Donald Curry has held forth as the WBA 147-pound title holder, with Milton McCrory rulling the WBC roost. Now, through a combination of circumstances and the efforts of promoter Bob Arum, a unification match has been made. After more than three years of disorder, the welterweights will have an undisputed champion. And to make matters even better, it promises to be a helluva fight.

Unification fights and undisputed champions are two of boxing's rarest commodities. The last fight of this ilk was the "Brawl For It All" that earned Michael Spinks the distinction of being the "only" light heavyweight champion of the world. Of course, the most recent welterweight unification battle was the Leonard-Thomas Hearns blockbuster of 1981. And while McCrory and Curry certainly won't generate anywhere near the interest or money of that one, it is still a fine match, one that the true *cognoscente* have long been looking forward to.

Probably the biggest reason the pair have not met before this is money. Despite the quality of the match, it is not one that transcends the barrier dividing hard-core boxing fans from the general sporting public. Therefore, it has been difficult to raise the kind of purses that both men feel they deserve. But the passing of time and the growing awareness of the limited opportunities for major paydays have prompted the fighters to accept a reasonable figure (reportedly in the neighborhood of $750,000 each).

Another reason for the fight finally coming together is the fact that both Curry and McCrory are rapidly outgrowing the division. It would be a good fight at any weight, but much more attractive as a unification match.

"HBO believes in a single champion," reports Seth Abraham, whose cable network will carry the fight live to their subscribers. "It's good for boxing and it's good for HBO. We also realize that Marvin Hagler won't be around forever. He's been our star for the past five years, but he's talking about beating Carlos Monzon's title defense record and getting out. And like Teddy Brenner likes to say, 'Fights make fight.' According to Bob Arum's plans, Hagler and Curry could be on a collison course. We pride ourselves on planning ahead. Although I believe Curry-McCrory is a great 'press fight' and a great 'fan fight,' we are really building for the future with this one."

In many ways, McCrory and Curry are like bookends. Both are tall for welterweights (McCrory enjoying a 2½ inch advantage at 6-foot-1). Both are basically standup boxers, well-schooled in their craft. Both enter the match undefeated

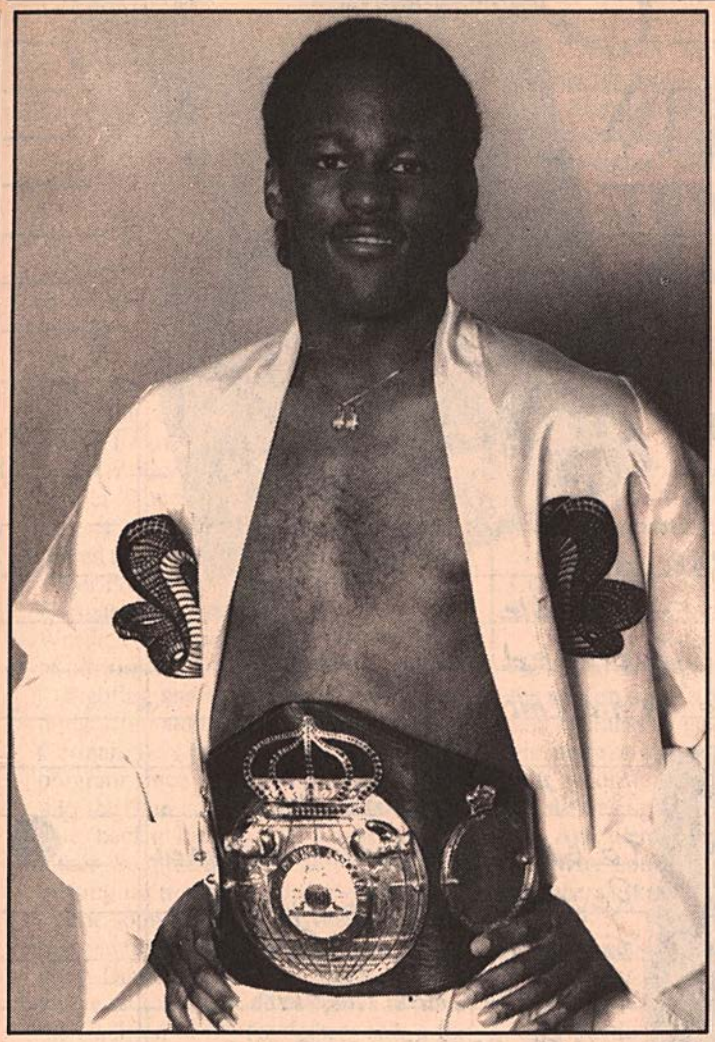


Photo by Pete Goldfield

A confident looking Donald Curry hopes to replace Sugar Ray Leonard as the undisputed welterweight champion, but he has to get past undefeated Milton McCrory first.

(Curry is currently 24-0, 17 knockouts, while McCrory is 27-0-1, 22 knockouts). Both are also rather low key fellows who have never really made the transformation from athlete to sports personality. And between them, they have just about run out of challengers among the 147-pounders. But it should be the differences between the two, not the similarities, that determine the eventual winner.

In an attempt to get an inside look at the upcoming showdown, *The Ring* contacted Welsh contender Colin Jones, who fought McCrory twice and Curry once. Jones is responsible for the only blemish on McCrory's log. Their first meeting, March 19, 1983 in Reno for the vacant WBC crown, ended in a surprising 12-round stalemate. When they were matched again in August, McCrory came away with a split decision and the belt. Jones got a crack at Curry early this year, losing via a third-round TKO in a fight many consider Donald's best performance to date.

"I don't think Curry is going to have things all his own way," said Jones. "McCrory is hard to get to. He's tall and moves very well. But overall, Curry's punching power and defense should prove a little too much for McCrory. Curry's punching is harder and more accurate. He picks his target well. McCrory doesn't seem to have shown much improvement. I think the two tough fights he had with me took a lot out of him. Curry, on the other hand, seems to love and live the game. He's very clever and should win in around eight or nine rounds."

Comparatively speaking, Curry also came out on top against their only other common opponent—Roger Stafford. McCrory outpointed the Philadelphia veteran over 10 rounds in June of 1983. The next year, Curry, making his first defense of the WBA title, caught Stafford cold, knocking him out in the opening round of their bout in Marsala, Italy.

However, relative performances against common opponents aren't always the most reliable method of picking winners. Remember how much credence Tommy Hearns' supporters put on their man's quick knockout over Roberto Duran, as compared to Hagler's somewhat pedestrian points win against the famed Panamanian? Come fight time, it didn't mean a damn.

If the McCrory-Curry match had been made this time last year, Curry probably would have been an even bigger favorite than he figures to be at this juncture. McCrory's stock took a considerable jump following his quick blitz of Carlos Trujillo this past June in Monte Carlo. The "Iceman" really lived up to his nickname in that one, *icing* Trujillo with a barrage of potent rights just 1:59 into the third round of the scheduled 12. Milton also looked impressive stopping Luis Santana in an over-the-weight match in Miami, May 5, 1985. These two exciting showings have helped erase the memory of Milton's somewhat tame decision win over light hitting Pedro Vilella earlier this year. It remains to be seen if he will retain his more aggressive methods against Curry.

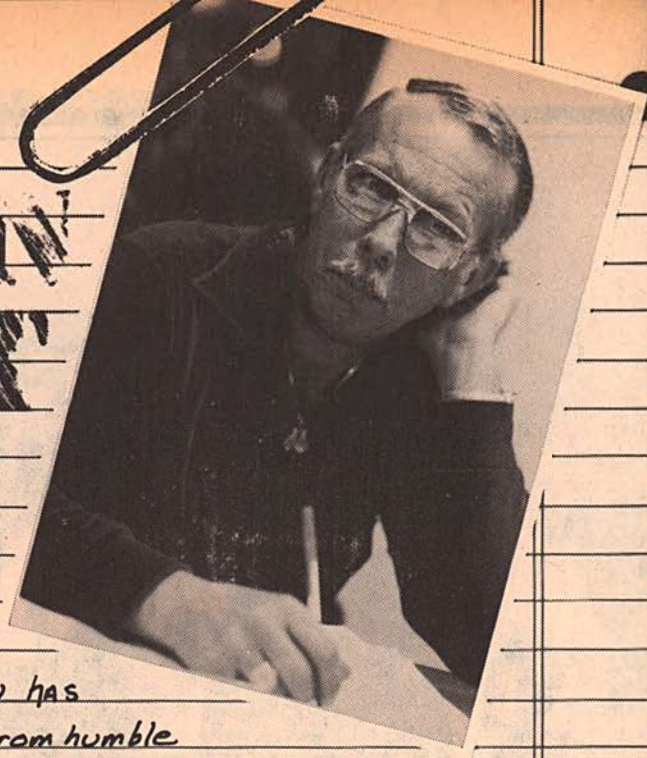
Another aspect that could play a major role in the outcome of the fight is the weight factor. Curry has been making noise about moving up to the junior middleweight class for some time. This year he's made two starts at 154 pounds, stopping both James (Hard Rock) Green and Pablo Biaz inside the distance. McCrory is also rapidly outgrowing the division. He was reportedly forced to shed 13 pounds in the three weeks leading up to the Trujillo fight. How much making the 147-pound welterweight limit will affect the fighters this time is unknown. But if the bout lasts into the late rounds, the amount of strength each fighter sacrifices reducing could play a vital role in the outcome.

Despite the top-flight nature of the contest, don't be too surprised if it develops into a dull, tactical battle, featuring more suspense than thrills. Both fighters perform best against wade-in sluggers. Neither man's style is calculated to make the other look good. From our point of view, the most likely scenario to unfold would be for one of the fighters to make a mistake and the other to capitalize on it. Curry's edge in combination punching and his superior ability to work on the inside are two reasons *The Ring* is picking him to win—but not the main one. The "Texas Cobra" has always struck us as something a bit special. There is no doubt that McCrory is a "good" fighter, but Curry shows definite signs of being a "great" one. □

THE GORMAN REPORT

It All Started With A Home Made Gym Next To The Horse Barn

by Wayne M. Anderson



DAVE GORMAN has built A mini-boxing empire From humble beginnings. He's already developed two world Champions and is working on his third.

It's Gorman's turn to sit in the Corner as PAUL Reyes (Donald Curry's trainer), Curry, Gene Hatcher AND Robin Blake ham it up in the background.

The grinning trio of Blake, GORMAN and Hatcher have all enhanced their bank accounts since teaming up.

WHEN BOXING AFICIONADOS GATHER to debate who's who and who should be ranked where, there is always plenty of fuel for the fire. But when the topic of what stable presently is number one, the unanimous decision is Emanuel Steward's Kronk Boxing Team.

David Gorman is in accord with this verdict—for now. But the folks at Kronk had better keep their heads turned and eyes peeled to the Southwest because Gorman's Super Pro's Gym is nipping at their heels. Gorman is certain one day soon Fort Worth, Texas, will surpass Detroit by way of attrition.

Fighting and struggling to build something from nothing is no new thing for Gorman; he's been working out with that program since adolescence. He was born into the blue-collar trade of masonry that dates back in his family to his great-grandfather. So quite naturally he followed suit, picking up trowel, mortar and brick.

But soon after the 16-year-old mason married his sweetheart Loretta, two young boys, David Jr. and Mike, appeared. With a love still vibrant and two boys to mind, the tradition of his forefathers saw a formidable opponent pulling his attention: boxing.

Boxing was introduced into the Gorman's home in an almost mundane manner: As a means to keep growing boys active in other things besides mischief. They took to it like birds do to trees.

Gorman was no boxing newcomer giving lessons to his sons. In fact, in 1969 he fought in Haltom City with his son David on the same card. It was the elder Gorman's last fight.

Directing his attention homeward he started working with his boys on their farm in Joshua. And pretty soon, things developed. First, "They wanted to box in the Junior Olympics," Gorman recalls. And then, "they started bringing boys home by the car load!"

So in 1970 he began to put his money where his heart really was: in boxing and a semi-gym built next to the horse barn.

Six years later, he moved his amateur team off the farm and into town. The Gorman Masonry team may not have been the most polished in skills but they were well trained and the best dressed.

It was at the Star-Telegram Golden Gloves Gym that Gorman found his future super stars Donald Curry and Gene Hatcher. Along with Curry's trainer, then and now, Paul Reyes, they developed a hard-punching and award-winning team.

In 1980 they carried their 12 fighters to Atlanta for the Olympic Trials. Five qualified. Gorman said he was becoming concerned because both Don and Gene were welterweights and both fast moving through the elimination process heading for each other. But Davey Moore stopped Hatcher's climb, reducing him to bronze. But Curry took care of Moore, winning the gold.

The US political boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow thwarted many amateur dreams that year. Therefore the next logical step for many American fighters was to turn pro.

Curry's talents were obvious. With an amateur record of 400 wins, five losses and six amateur titles, managers from every corner began wooing him. But Curry wanted to stay in his native Fort Worth.

Gorman was also at a crossroads in life. He had to decide whether to continue with the non-pros and a million dollar construction business or go all the way, gambling his future on a pair of gloves and a prayer.

It's a difficult time when a man juggles his desires against his obligations to family. And there was much soul searching.

"Why couldn't I do it?" Gorman remembers asking himself. "I had common sense."

He understood negotiating because of his business. Some things translate naturally. "I'd be honest with Curry. If I couldn't do him any good, he knew I'd do him no harm," David said.

Curry saw it the same way. They shook hands and tied the knot.

Gorman opened up a gym on the south side of town next to a tortilla factory. In an ordinary cinderblock building that looked like a former warehouse of a prosperous bygone business, Curry prepared for his debut.

The pair began to take the world of boxing by storm the day after Christmas of 1980. Curry's swift disposal of Marty Tenio in Las Vegas was absolute inspiration. The scenario would be replayed 15 more times in three years, then came a shot at the title.

The fight with Jun Sok Hwang for the WBA welterweight crown was Curry's longest—15 rounds. And some say his toughest. It was the first time Curry ever spent time on the canvas. But in the end he was wearing the belt.

After much travail and personal sacrifice the silver lining was beginning to shine.

All the while Curry was climbing to the top, Hatcher also was busy racking up the points, with the help of Gene's trainer "Papa" Joe Barrientes.

"Papa" trained Gorman as an amateur and also paid his dues in the ring during an 11-year stretch from 1942 through 1953 with 47 pro fights, winning 38. After much coaxing and cajoling from Gorman, "Papa" also signed aboard.

People everywhere told Gorman that Gene would never make it, he was too awkward and unorthodox, even though he had an amateur record of 180 wins to only 15 losses. But Gorman looked deeper than surface style, he peered into the heart. And he saw a champion.

After 23 fights, Hatcher would prove Gorman's intuition and prognosis correct.

Lou Duva was looking for an easy title fight for his WBA junior welterweight champ Johnny Bumphus. Duva thought he found one in the unorthodox kid from Fort Worth. But Gene moved in a mysterious way—constantly forward. In the 11th round in Buffalo, N.Y., Gene bumped Bumphus off the thrown.

Cowtown USA was now more than a place where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid once hung out. It was once again the home of two world champs. The first time was when Don and his brother Bruce held titles simultaneously.

And if two is a match, three is a charm. David and "Papa" latched on to a young fighter out of Levelland in the summer of 1981, Robin Blake, a "Rockin" lightweight, they felt would surely make the holy trinity happen. But in the winter of '84 the near binding tie was broken by the hand of Harry Arroyo and again in '85 by Jimmy Paul out of the Kronk Gym.

The broken triangle may soon be fused shut by several of Gorman's 25 fighters. He thinks two in particular can do the welding: light heavyweight Freddie Guzman or featherweight Steve Cruz. Time and battle will tell.

Not all of Gorman's eggs are in a professional basket. He has an on-going amateur program where his next super stars are incubating. He plans to take them on a "gold" trip to Seoul, Korea in 1988.

All-in-all, boxing's been and continues to be a hard road for Gorman, 43, and his pros. Fort Worth is home of the welterweight king, true, but most Fort Worthians are not that interested where it counts—at the gate. So far, Dave's greatest disappointment in the whole adventure is the dismal local turnouts for hometown defenses by Curry and Hatcher.

When it comes to boxing Fort Worth is an enigma. The crowds pour in for the Golden Gloves every year. But turn off *Dynasty* and watch Curry, Hatcher, Blake or anyone? Forget it! When you work toward a dream, a community dream, and all you get is turned backs, it cuts deep. But Gorman believes in miracles. That's why he wears a medal of St. Jude. And like any true champion he presses on—nipping at Emanuel Steward's heels. □

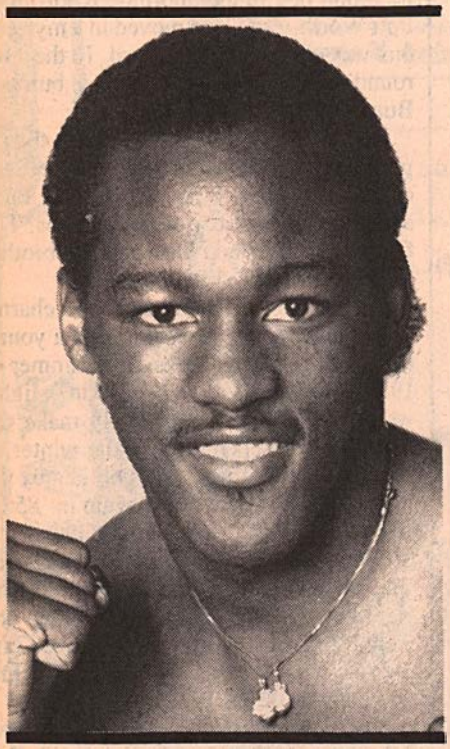
PUNCH COUNTER PUNCH

Each month, in an effort to stimulate creative debate, *RING* Magazine will ask a cross section of boxing people a provocative question. We will publish their thoughts, giving you a wide range of views, half-views and even a few half-baked views.

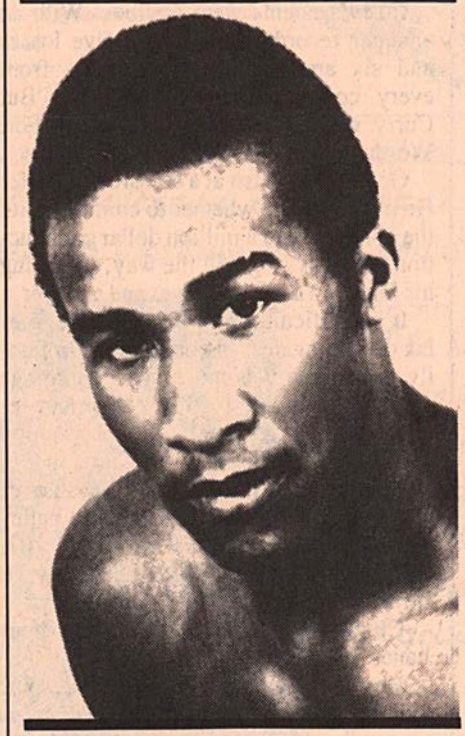
THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Who do you think will win the welterweight unification match between Donald Curry and Milton McCrory?

Donald (The Texas Cobra) Curry



Milton (Ice Man) McCrory



Dr. Ferdie Pacheco *(NBC-TV's Fight Doctor):*
To me, it's a tossup. I guess I'll have to favor Curry, but not by much. Usually, when you have two undefeated champions going at each other they will produce a great fight. But Curry can put on the pressure and Curry finishes well. However, the most important thing is that the bout will result in just one welterweight champion. That's what we need. This sets an example for all of boxing to follow.

Hector Camacho *(WBC lightweight champion):*
I don't want to pick one or the other. That way, one of them won't dislike me—if they both don't dislike me already.

Ricky Young *(Junior welterweight prospect):*
Curry by far. He's a much more scientific fighter. All the same, I think that people are underestimating McCrory. I look for it to go to a decision.

Christopher Coats *(Contributing editor, The Ring):*
Curry throws a flurry and stops McCrory in seven. McCrory establishes himself as the second best welterweight in the world.

Dave Bontempo *(Boxing writer for the Atlantic City Press):*
I like Curry by decision. I figure Curry to stay on the outside, jab, and utilize his speed. He's also sneaky strong on the inside. Therefore, Donald should win regardless of how the fight shapes up.

Dwight Muhammad Qawi *(WBA junior lightweight champion):*
I used to think that Curry would win. But recently, McCrory has been looking real good. As a fighter, I can tell when another fighter has that killer instinct, and McCrory has had it in his last few fights. I think Curry has made the mistake of slugging it out too much lately. He seems to have abandoned his old boxing style. That could be a mistake against McCrory. Based on the last couple of fights they've had, I'd have to say it's a tossup.

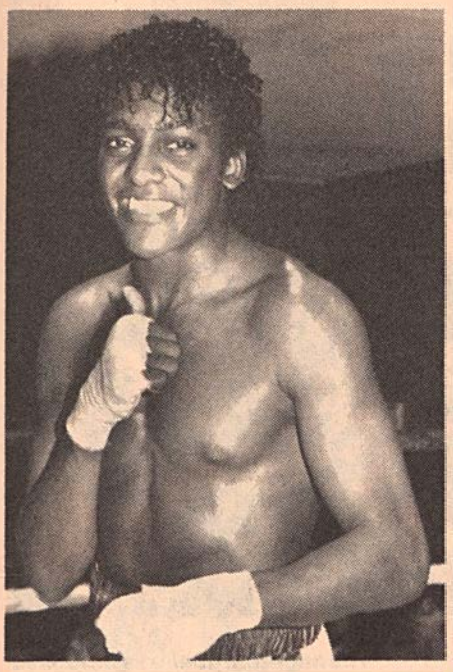
Michael Katz *(Sports columnist for the New York Daily News):*
Although I like Curry by decision, it's going to be a very tough fight. It's a contest between two good young fighters at the peak of their careers, one of whom I suspect is a great one. It will be a very difficult fight for Curry because McCrory has the perfect style to give him a hard time.

J.R. Jowett *(Contributing editor to The Ring):*
McCrory has virtually no chance. To me, he's just a built-up champion. His defenses against guys like Gilles Elbilia and Milton Guest didn't mean a thing. Curry has fought much better opposition. Frankly, I think he'll demolish McCrory.

Angelo Dundee *(trainer of champions):*
This is going to be a difficult fight for both guys because they're outgrowing the welterweight division. Although I like Curry in terms of style, movement and technique, this is match where you won't be able to pick a winner until the fight starts. It all depends on which guy is affected the most by making the weight. And you might not know that until the late rounds.

NEW FACES

by NIGEL COLLINS



MICHAEL OLAJIDE JR.

QUICK! CAN ANYONE NAME THE LAST fistic star to hail from Vancouver, British Columbia? No. Well, don't feel too bad. Nobody else can either. But all that could very well change in the near future thanks to Michael Olajide Jr., the Canadian and World Athletic Association middleweight champion.

At first glance, Olajide, with his long, curly hair and playboy smile, looks more like a rock-n-roll star than a fighter. In fact, his resemblance to pop singer Michael Jackson is such that the song "Thriller" is played when Olajide enters the ring. But don't let Michael's pretty-boy appearance fool you. Olajide is a fighter, and although he has yet to be tested against world-class opposition, he's shown an abundance of potential.

The Jr. after Michael's last name is rather significant. His father, Michael Sr., a Nigerian, had 76 professional fights under the name Ola Michael, campaigning in England and the United States. The Olajide family immigrated to Canada in the 1970's and settled in the Pacific North West. Although a carpenter by trade, the elder Olajide couldn't get boxing out of his system, and soon opened a gym in Vancouver. He worked with a number of well-known Canadian fighters, including featherweight Tony Pep and welterweight Jamie Ollenberger, but his son soon became the star of his stable.

Father/son, fighter/manager relationships seldom work, but the Olajide team seems to be an exception to the rule.

"It's been working out great," says the extremely well-spoken Michael Jr. "We know how to communicate."

Michael Jr. enjoyed a fine amateur career, reportedly winning 39 of 43 bouts. However, he didn't bother trying out for the 1984 Canadian Olympic team, feeling that he was ready to turn pro.

British Columbia isn't exactly a boxing mecca and Olajide's career has been a slow, albeit successful, process. While he has fought most of his bouts in the Vancouver area, the hometown response has been far from overwhelming.

"The people don't believe that someone can come from Vancouver and be a world champion," says Michael Jr. when asked about local support.

Despite only 11 fights in his first three years as a pro, things began to pick up in 1985.

In April, Olajide won the vacant Canadian middleweight crown with an eighth-round knockout over veteran Wayne Caplette. It wasn't much of a match. Olajide was too young and too skillful for the plodding Caplette, knocking him down with left hooks in the third, fourth and eighth.

Following an all-too easy win over Reyes Escalera in Vancouver, Olajide crossed the Pacific Ocean to fight local hero Sakaria Ve in Fiji for the vacant WAA middleweight title. The WAA title is hardly a prestigious championship, but as Michael says, "We take what we can get."

The trip to Fiji proved highly beneficial.

"It (fighting abroad) was a new exprience for me," said Olajide, who spent two weeks in Fiji. "The people were great, some of the friendliest I've ever met."

The fight, fought before a crowd of over 5,000 at the National Stadium, was another one-sided victory for Michael.

"In the second minute of the ninth round the Canadian fighting machine staggered Ve with an explosive left jab, and in a delayed action, Ve succumbed to the canvas," wrote Haroon Khan, reporter for the local English language newspaper.

Back in Vancouver with a so-called "world" championship in tow, the Olajides are currently trying to put together a group of businessmen to sponsor Michael's career. He is very anxious to show his talents to fans in the United States and would consider relocating if a deal with a major promoter could be made. But at this point, money is not Olajide's top priority.

"I definitely want to be compensated for my work. But money, alone, won't drive you," explains Michael. "I'm in it (boxing) to accomplish something. Not just to make money."

Throughout boxing history, Canadian boxers have had a somewhat dowdy image. Most of them have been in the George Chuvalo mold—brave, but unimaginative sluggers who led with their faces. Olajide is quite a departure from this tradition. His fistic idols were Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, and he's patterned his style after them. Only time will tell whether or not Olajide can follow in the footsteps of his heroes. But if he can even come close, the image of Canadian boxers should undergo a much-needed facelift. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF MICHAEL OLAJIDE JR.

Vancouver, British Columbia middleweight
Height: 6'1"
Reach: 77½"
Manager/trainer: Michael Olajide Sr.
Nickname: "The Silk"

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1982		
Jan 17	Johnny Gaines	Victoria	KO 1
Feb. 7	Dale Dorset	Victoria	KO 4
Mar. 5	Don Oversby	Victoria	KO 1
Jun. 17	Al Ford	Burnaby	W 8
	1983		
Mar. 24	Rosevelt Green	Vancouver	KO 6
Aug. 13	Tom Briscoe	Kelowna	KO 1
Oct. 13	Joe Banks	New Westminster	KO 2
Nov. 25	Stacey McSwain	Vancouver	W 8
	1984		
Mar. 12	Lancelot Innis	New Westminster	KO 4
May 10	Leonardo Bermudez	New Westminster	KO 2
Aug. 18	Rosendo Rubalcaba	Burnaby	W 10
	1985		
Apr. 10	Wayne Caplette (Won Vacant Canadian Title)	Vancouver	KO 9
Jul 11	Reyes Escalera	Vancouver	KO 5
Aug. 10	Sakaraia Ve (Won Vacant WAA Title)	Fiji	KO 9

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
14	14	0	0	11

THE AGONY OF ARGUELLO

Alexis Finds Life Brutal Out of the Ring

By Lew Freedman

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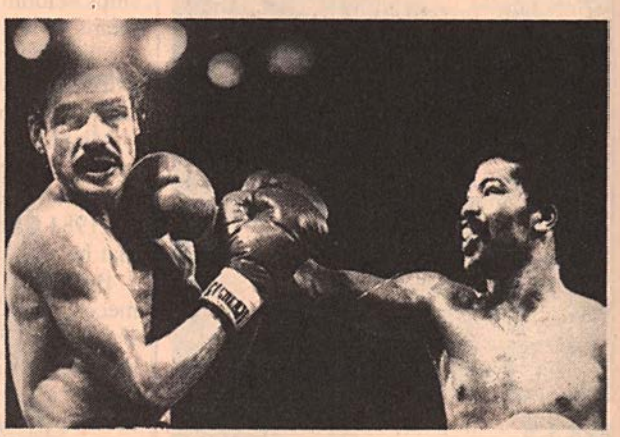
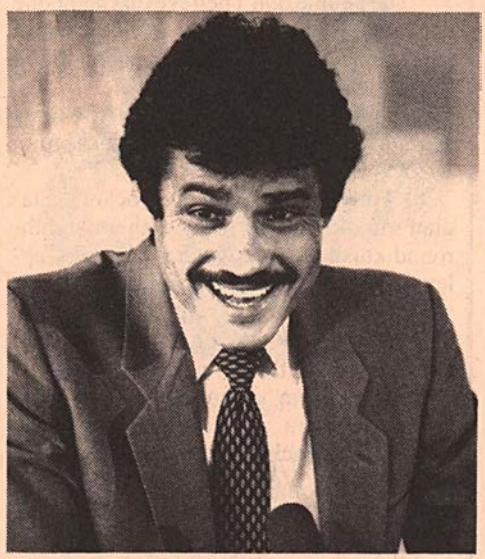


It was punishment such as this at the hands of Aaron Pryor that forced Alexis Arguello into retirement two years ago. His many admirers hope that Alexis' comeback will not lead to further beatings.



The mighty Arguello as he looked in his fighting prime. This is the way most people want to remember him, not as stepping-stone for young pugs on the way up.

Arguello's good looks and outgoing personality helped make him a favorite with fans around the globe. And although he has been successful in public relations work, Alexis is determined to give boxing one last try.

RENO, NEV.—WHEN HIS LAST FIGHT ended in September, 1983, Alexis Arguello was in tears, his legs wobbly, his heart broken, his career over. On his knees in the middle of the ring with Aaron Pryor standing over him, it was certainly the end of an odyssey. Instead, it was only the beginning.

A gracious man, whose courtliness belied the ferocity of his profession, Arguello was bewildered by retirement, groping for answers, seeking deliverance from demons of doubt.

Alexis Arguello, one of seven men ever to win three world championships, a hero to his Nicaraguan countrymen, saw the walls of his world collapse and nearly suffocate him.

More then two years have passed since Arguello lost in his try to become the first man ever to win four titles.

In that time he fought with the contras, seeking the overthrow of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and became disillusioned with the war and all politicians.

He began taking cocaine and stopped himself.

His finances collapsed into complete disarray with the IRS after him for back taxes.

His 10-year marriage to Loretta, his third wife, nearly disintegrated.

'He didn't have a graceful retirement, let's put it that way,'' said Arguello's manager Bill Miller. ''His whole life was in a tremendous state of confusion and chaos these last two years.''

The idol of millions grew to hate himself until finally, the will that had carried him to 78 victories in 84 fights took over, shook him, and lifted him above the quicksand his life had become.

''I have built something that encouraged me to behave differently,'' Arguello said. ''I didn't want to destroy that.''

In the play ''A Chorus Line,'' one lyric in a song goes, ''A dancer dances.'' And a fighter fights.

For two years, the world had rebuffed and disappointed Arguello many times, so he will return to a world that embraces him.

He calls the comeback an ''adventure'' and talks of the fourth title as something he is destined to chase.

''I was born with the skills, the ability and the dedication. This is what I was born with,'' said Arguello. ''Boxing is a beauty, it's an art. I feel like I am like an artist.

''When I fight, I'm performing something that I really feel in my heart, in my

soul."

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Another man might seem wearied by the struggle, but Arguello sparkled during a recent two-hour interview as he alternately paced his suite in the El Dorado Hotel and reclined on a couch.

The passion bubbles to the surface as he speaks of how he has once again taken control of his life, of how his desire to fight has rekindled, of how once again he feels there is nothing more important than winning the fourth title.

"Men are born with ambitions," said Arguello. "I'm normal. Everyone wants to be the first guy to do something. I don't want to be one of the seven guys to have three titles."

In Latin America, the part of the world where Arguello grew up, and the United States, the country he adopted, his fists made him a legend.

The 15-year-old boy given a present of $3 following his first amateur fight, who turned professional at 16—for $5—to avoid a life of poverty, first became a world champion in 1974 at 22.

He was the featherweight (126 pounds) champion from 1974 to 1978, the junior lightweight champion from 1987-1980, the lightweight (135) champion from 1981 to 1983.

Arguello was still a boy inside when he won the first crown with a 13th-round knockout of Ruben Olivares in Inglewood, Calif.

"I couldn't believe it," said Arguello, his brown eyes lighting at the memory. "I was fighting with my idol and I beat my idol. The next day I went to Disneyland. I got sick because I ate too much food."

Arguello, 5-foot-10½, is a slender man. His street weight is about 148 pounds and his fighting weight as a junior welterweight will be no more than 140. As a featherweight he must have been nothing more than elbows and knees. Could he ever make 126 again?

"No way Jose," he said, roaring with laughter. "Are you kidding me? That is history." The laughter comes easily for Arguelo again. With good reason.

"His worries are gone," said Miller.

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There have been times in the last two years when Arguello wondered if there would ever be anything to laugh about again.

When the Sandinistas came to power in Nicaragua in 1979, they confiscated $300,000 worth of Arguello's property. Later, they outlawed boxing as a sport. Arguello spoke against the new Communist government and contributed money to the contra guerrilas.

When he retired from fighting he quietly slipped into Nicaragua and into the front lines with the contras. He did not stay long, but formed impressions that will shape his view of the world forever.

Nicaragua, he said, a mixture of sadness and anger in his voice, is nothing but a pawn in a chess game between the United States and the Soviet Union. Even if the contras win, he is convinced, things will not improve for the people.

"It was a terrible experience," said Arguello of his trip home in early 1984. "It's never going to change. I feel sorry for my people. There is no solution at all. I am disillusioned with both sides.

"I was interested in helping my country. I was doing it for my country. I am super disappointed with the world. Politicians are crooks. I feel ashamed at being alive.

"I always have been an idealist. In my early days, I always thought this world was to make a team, a team of humanity and to pass things on to the children."

Arguello moved to the Miami area when he was dispossessed from Nicaragua and said that he has grown to love the U.S., its opportunities, one of which is a commercial he does for Lite Beer, and its people. But he said he hates the American government and its foreign policy.

Thinking of how President Reagan has phoned or invited prominent athletes to the White House when they have performed significant feats, Arguello drops to his knees on the carpet, and with emotion screwing up his facial features, grabs a visitors's hand and makes a vow.

"If I win the fourth title and I am invited to see Mr. Reagan. I swear to you that I will not go." he said.

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The first evidence that Arguello was changing came a year before his retirement. After he first lost to Pryor, in November, 1982, he uncharacteristically blamed his trainer, Eddie Futch, for the defeat.

Here was the fighter regarded as perhaps the classiest man in boxing badmouthing one of the nicest.

"I was drowning in the middle of the ocean," Arguello said of his attitude at the time. "I had to blame it on somebody."

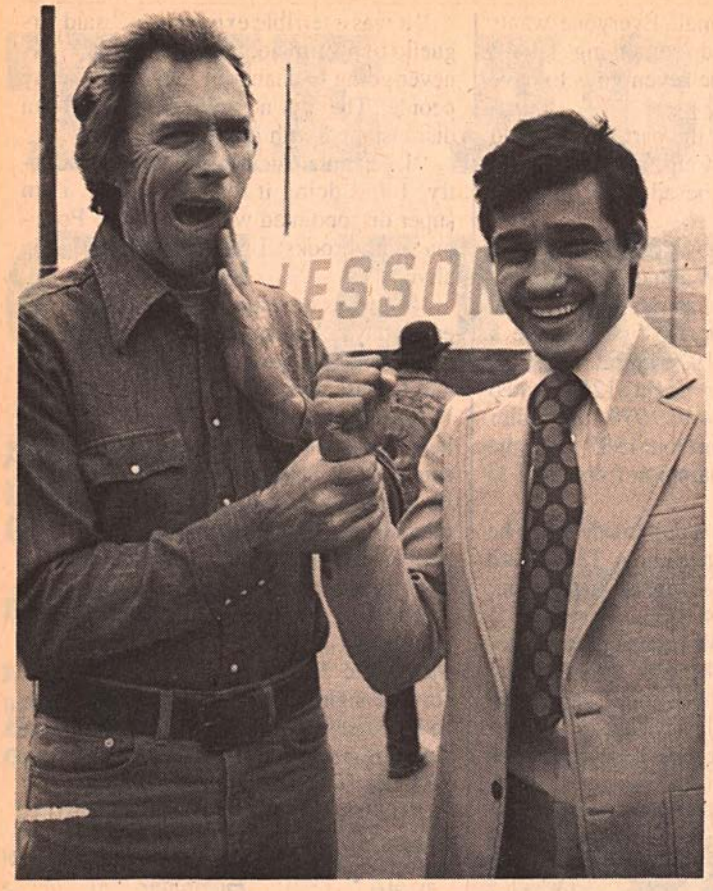
Although Arguello, who has 63 knockouts in his career, landed blows on Pryor that could seemingly level buildings, Pryor only blinked and kept punching back.

"That wasn't really me," said Arguello. "I was partying before the fight. Just because I had three titles I felt I was entitled to win the fourth on just my name."

And when the second Pryor fight came and went, Arguello kept on partying. It was then that South Florida friends—the wrong crowd, as he now calls them—introduced him to cocaine.

"Monkey see, monkey do," said Arguello.

"It was not a serious problem. I spent



A very young Arguello (during his reign as the junior lightweight champ) hams it up with actor Clint Eastwood.

three, four, five months doing something that was no good for me or for anybody. Thank God I'm out of that. I just felt, This is not right for any human being.

"You become a machine. You're not in control You're sleeping during the day. I said to myself, 'I've never done this. Why am I doing this?'

"It scared the hell out of me."

In the end, said Arguello, growing reflective, he saved himself because of who he was to others and who he wanted to be for his son, Roberto. Roberto, now 4, the youngest of Arguello's four children, sat a few feet away watching cartoons on television.

"I put everything on the table," said Arguello. "I realized as a human being that I like being a naturalist. I was finding myself. I almost lost my wife."

Pryor, also battling drugs, is not exhibiting Arguello's inner strength. Recent pictures show him as a man wasting away.

"I feel sorry for him," said Arguello of the man who conquered him in the ring twice. "If I have the chance to help him, I would. Maybe he doesn't have anyone like I do."

Arguello points to Roberto, and Loretta, daughter of a Nicaraguan emissary to the U.S. before the revolution, who kept scrapbooks of the young fighting Arguello years before she met him.

"I built something for them to look after," he said. "I want to keep it as long as I like."

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There is an old boxing adage: The first time a fighter retires is the right time.

Certainly, few fans thought they would see Arguello in the ring again to do anything but wave to the crowd before another's fight. And certainly, few expected him back at 33.

"I was too tired," said Arguello of how he felt when he stopped fighting. "My body was sore. I was tired. I feel like the rest was good."

Arguello seems to have a renewed sense of mission. The relaxation of his manner is implied in his dress: sportshirt, jeans and sneakers. He is earnest, but smiles easily from beneath his thick dark mustache when he talks of his return.

"I know there are a big quantity of boxing fans looking to see my performance," he said. "That's one of the biggest pressures that makes me train as hard as I do.

"Money is part of it, but to me, it's more important how I'm going to look."

Looking good is imperative, said Miller, who said Arguello should be financially solvent after one or two fights. It should take three fights before Arguello is ready for a title fight, said Miller.

"I think now he's enthusiastically pursuing a very important goal," said Miller. ". . . that refreshes a person. Now that he's got his life back together. Now he's doing what he does best."

The toughest part of coming back, said Arguello, was deciding to come back.

"The most difficult part of training was the decision," he said, "the decision to go to bed at nine and get up a six. If I don't do what I'm supposed to I'm cheating myself, cheating the game. I love my sport."

The training has gone well, said Arguello.

"Outside (the ring), it's a piece of cake," he said. "Inside, it's different. Will I remember inside?"

For 3½ months Arguello punished his body, sweated out the sin, burned off the doubts.

"He was looking very promising," said Futch, who long ago reconciled with Arguello. Arguello was so serious about his training, said Futch, that he would call him and ask permission to sunbathe or eat something not clearly wholesome for breakfast.

Then suddenly, Arguello, who was going to fight Francisco Roach in Reno Oct. 1 as a tuneup for Nance in Anchorage, began suffering dizziness and balance problems from an inner ear infection. That fight was called off.

"I'm disappointed," said Arguello, who planned to rest in Miami before resuming training.

Arguello was down about the setback, but compared to the other troubles of the last two years the delay seemed insignificant.

The youth who idolized the punching of ex-champion Olivares has matured into the man who admires the patience of Mohandas Gandhi.

The man who talks with a veneer of cynicism still carries the weight of idealism. The man who has lived as a warrior wishes to preach peace.

"I would like to be able to change this world," said Arguello, who thinks people will listen to him if he wins the fourth title.

"The most important thing is, can I win the fourth title?" he said. "That's my truth." □

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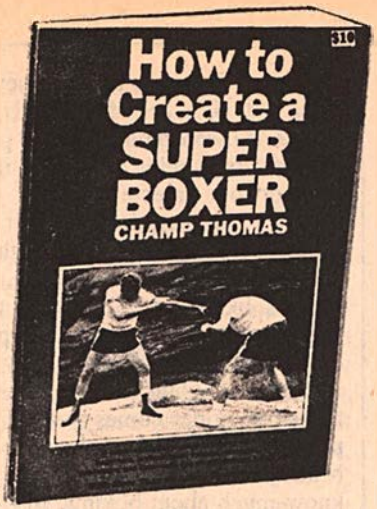

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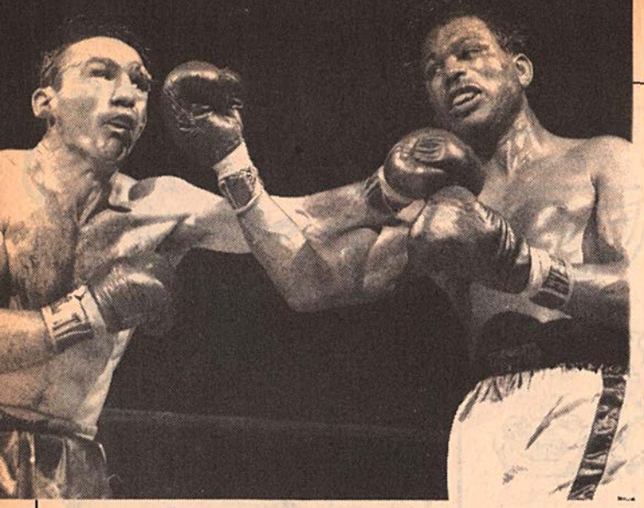


Carmen Basilio (left) and Sugar Ray Robinson trade head shots during their epic battle for the middleweight title, September 24, 1957 at Yankee Stadium. Basilio won the 160-pound crown with a split decision. They fought an encore six months later with Robinson regaining the title.

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

by
Joseph D'O'Brian

IF YOU BUY A ROCK GROUP'S LATEST album, and enjoy it, you'll buy their next one too. If you see a really good movie, you may go see it a second time, or even a third. If you have a great time in bed with a sweet young thing, you'll try to get together the next weekend. So it would seem the most natural thing in the world, if two fighters put on a good fight, to match them up again.

I have no statistics to back me up on this, but my suspicion is that there are far fewer rematches going on today than there were, say, thirty or forty years ago. If, for instance, a world championship changes hands, you'll hardly ever see an immediate rematch such as we had when "return clauses" were *de rigeur* in any contract. When two young prospects battle it out, no matter how close the fight ends up, it's rare that you'll hear both winner and loser talking enthusiastically about a rematch. And you never, never see a great series of three, four, even five fights between two veterans who always bring out the best in each other. Try to name a good rematch that took place in the past year. Bramble-Mancini? Okay, name two.

There are a lot of reasons why there are fewer rematches these days, the main one being that there's more money in the sport now than there was a generation or two ago. On the one hand, I think it's great that boxers are collecting the kind of money they deserve. On the other, there can't be much doubt that this extra money has made fighters more cautious, often to the detriment of the sport.

Announcer Johnny Addie raises the arm of Sandy Saddler following his fourth round knockout over Willie Pep, October 29, 1948, in Madison Square Garden. Saddler and Pep met three more times with the featherweight title on the line in what is considered one of boxing's greatest series.

For one thing, the more money a fighter makes, the less he'll fight. This is human nature. If I were paid $100,000 per article, my editors wouldn't see me more than three or four times a year.

Now, if a man doesn't fight but three times a year, he'll be limited in the number of different people he can fight, thus he'll be less likely, if he's fought a man in April, to fight him again in September.

Another thing all this money has done is change a fighter's perspective. Most of this extra money comes from TV, and TV producers like their fighters to stay unbeaten. TV producers don't, as a rule, know much about boxing, so they figure that if a fighter loses once, he can't be very good. So even one loss can ruin your chances to get on Wide World of Sports. That being the case, who wants to take a chance? If a hot young prospect has just won a razor-thin decision over another hot young prospect, why should he jeopardize his career by fighting that guy again and maybe losing?

Time was, a guy would fight ten or twelve times a year anyway, so if he lost he could make it up with two or three good wins. Nowadays, it's conceivable that a loss could set a fighter back five years, and maybe finish him permanently as a money-maker.

Another major contributor to this drought of rematches is, of course, the Alphabet Boys. (In fact, you can take just about anything you think is wrong with boxing, and it's odds that the WBA, WBC or IBF is responsible for it.) Supposing Kid Putz scores an upset, winning the mini-micro-welterweight title from Ringo Fonebone. In the old days, he'd have to have given Fonebone a rematch before he fought anyone else, or the public would've had his scalp. Now, even if he wants to fight Fonebone again, he's obliged to fight some guy from Tibet that nobody's heard of first, or the WBC will strip his title. And if the guy from Tibet wins, he can't fight Putz *or* Fonebone without the WBC's permission.

The original intent of this "mandatory challenger" rule may have been honorable enough. Obviously, there could be a situation where two fighters could trade a title back and forth for years on end, with nobody else getting a chance in the meantime. But it has been carried to ridiculous extremes.

The most famous such case in recent history was when Leon Spinks won the heavyweight title from Muhammad Ali. Now, Ali had been slated to meet Ken Norton after he'd disposed of Spinks, so when Spinks crossed everybody up by beating Ali, the WBC decreed that Spinks would defend against Norton, or against nobody. Spinks told the WBC to stick it, gave Ali a rematch, and gave the WBC an opportunity to create the present heavyweight mess. Would any *reasonable* person or organization have objected to Spinks giving Ali a rematch?

Okay, I know. You think I'm just being a kvetch as usual. So here's my evidence: a list of championship fights that took place in 1985 that ought to result in rematches. Go down the list, and figure out how likely it is that we'll see even one of them.

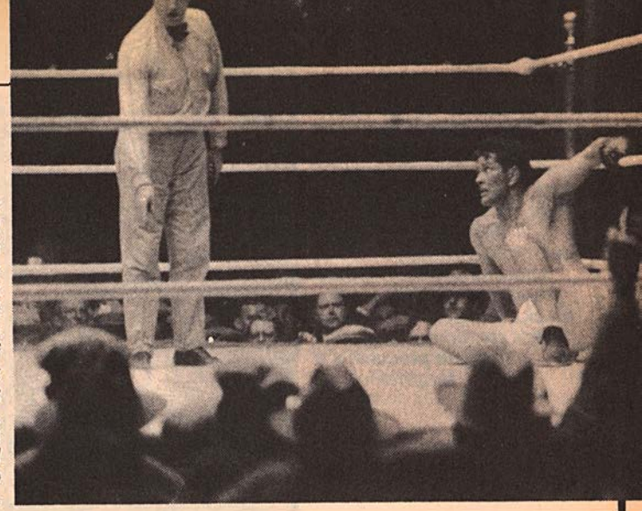
Larry Holmes-Carl Williams. A fight that close, and they didn't make a rematch? I don't care how worthy an opponent Michael Spinks was, or how much boxing owes Larry Holmes. Holmes owed us that one. It's all academic now, but a rematch would have been nice.

Lupe Pintor-Juan "Kid" Meza. Possibly the best fight of the year, and razor-close. I'd give a lot to see that one again. But Meza isn't a big-money name, and why should Pintor take the risk?

Aaron Pryor-Gary Hinton. Okay, maybe Hinton's great effort was a fluke, but I want to see it again to be sure.

Barry McGuigan-Eusebio Pedroza. I'm not saying Pedroza would have much of a chance in this one. He's old and he's lost his fire, and McGuigan could make a lot more money fighting someone else. But Pedroza has given so much to boxing that the rematch should be his for the asking, whenever he wants it.

Wilfredo Gomez-Rocky Lockridge. The reasons why they should fight again are too obvious to mention. So are the reasons why they won't fight again.



The "Long Count." Heavyweight champion Gene Tunney on the deck during what is perhaps the most famous knockdown in boxing history. If Tunney and Jack Dempsey had not fought a rematch, this dramatic moment would have never come to pass.

Now make a list of all the non-title fights you've seen lately, whether between leading contenders or young prospects, and figure how many should be fought again as opposed to how many actually will be. Pretty disheartening, huh?

At the non-championship level, generally the only time you'll see a rematch is when the loser of the first fight is a young kid who's being groomed for big things, and the winner is some stiff who wasn't told that he was supposed to lose. If the stiff wins a second time, he'll suddenly get the "prospect" treatment himself. If he loses, what the hell. But at times, precautions are taken the second time around.

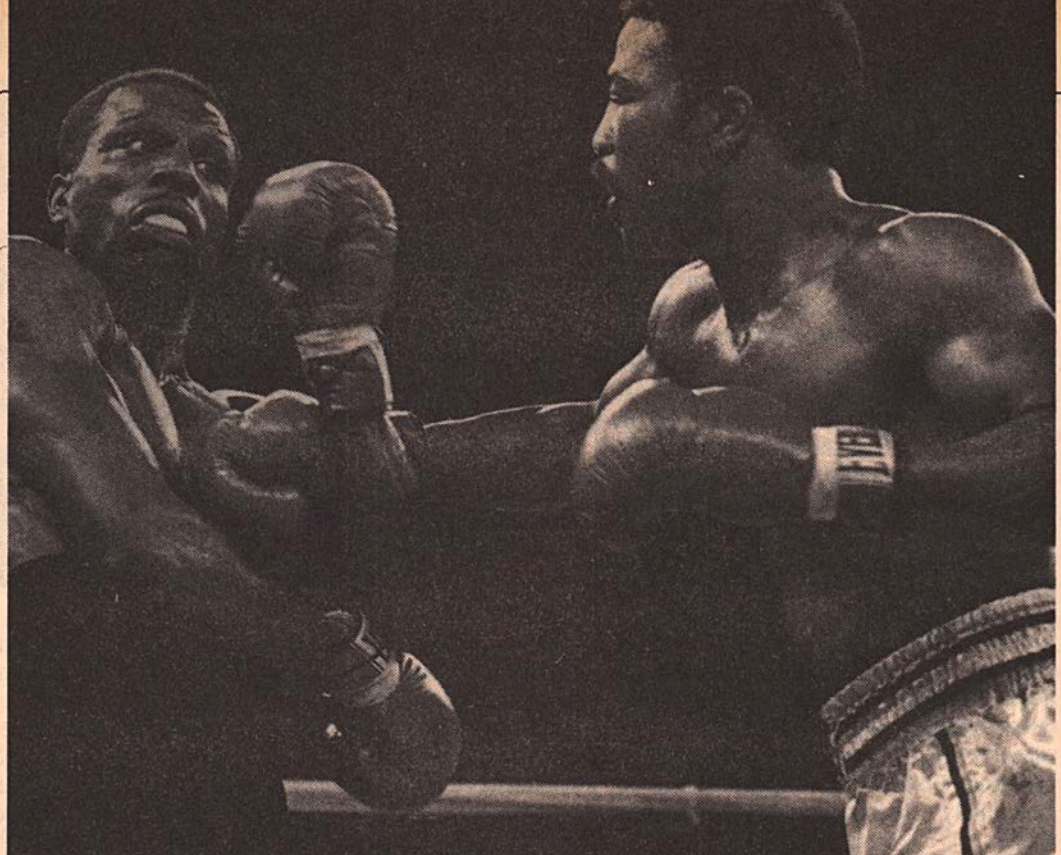
I will always wonder why the rematch between highly-touted Alex Ramos and unknown Ted Sanders didn't take place. Sanders, you'll recall, upset Ramos with a decisive kayo a couple of years ago. A rematch was set up, and Sanders disappeared on the eve of the fight. Interesting. Conclusions are left to the reader, but it would be something if we could find out just who was saying what to Sanders before he decided to vanish. Do you suppose someone may have told him, none too gently, to get it right this time?

One reason why there ought to be more rematches is, indeed, that it's often the second time around when the two boxers *do* get it right. Think of how many times you've seen a good first fight, but an unforgettable second one.

The first Tunney-Dempsey match was good enough, but without a rematch we would never have had the Long Count. The first Schmeling-Louis battle was memorable, but when you think of those two fighters, you think of Louis' revenge the second time they met. And while Carmen Basilio secured himself a place in the record books by beating Sugar Ray Robinson in their first fight, he got a foothold on immortality by losing the second one. When I hear the name "Carmen Basilio," my mind snaps immediately to a picture of a little man with an eye puffed up like a ripe plumb trying to land a desperation shot on a man who looks twice his size. That was the rematch, the one we all remember.

Sometimes it takes three or even four times for everything to fall into place. Take, for example, the famous (or infamous) case of Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.

On the night they first met, October 29, 1948, nobody expected much of a contest. Saddler was a young kid with a big punch, but he'd never been tested, and his defensive skills had never impresed anyone.



Gary Hinton (left) pulls away from a right hand thrown by champion Aaron Pryor in their IBF junior welterweight bout in Atlantic City won by Pryor via a split decision. In the days of "instant" rematches, Hinton's strong showing probably would have earned him another crack at the title. But the way things are today, Hinton has become practically a forgotten man.

Livingstone Bramble (right) on his way to winning the WBA lightweight title from Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini with a 14th round knockout, June 1, 1984 in Buffalo, New York. They hooked up again for a rare (by today's standards) rematch in Reno, and although Bramble won, the pairing was just as exciting the second time around.

Willie Pep was one of those guys who simply could not be hit. He was already being called the greatest featheweight of all time, a walking legend.

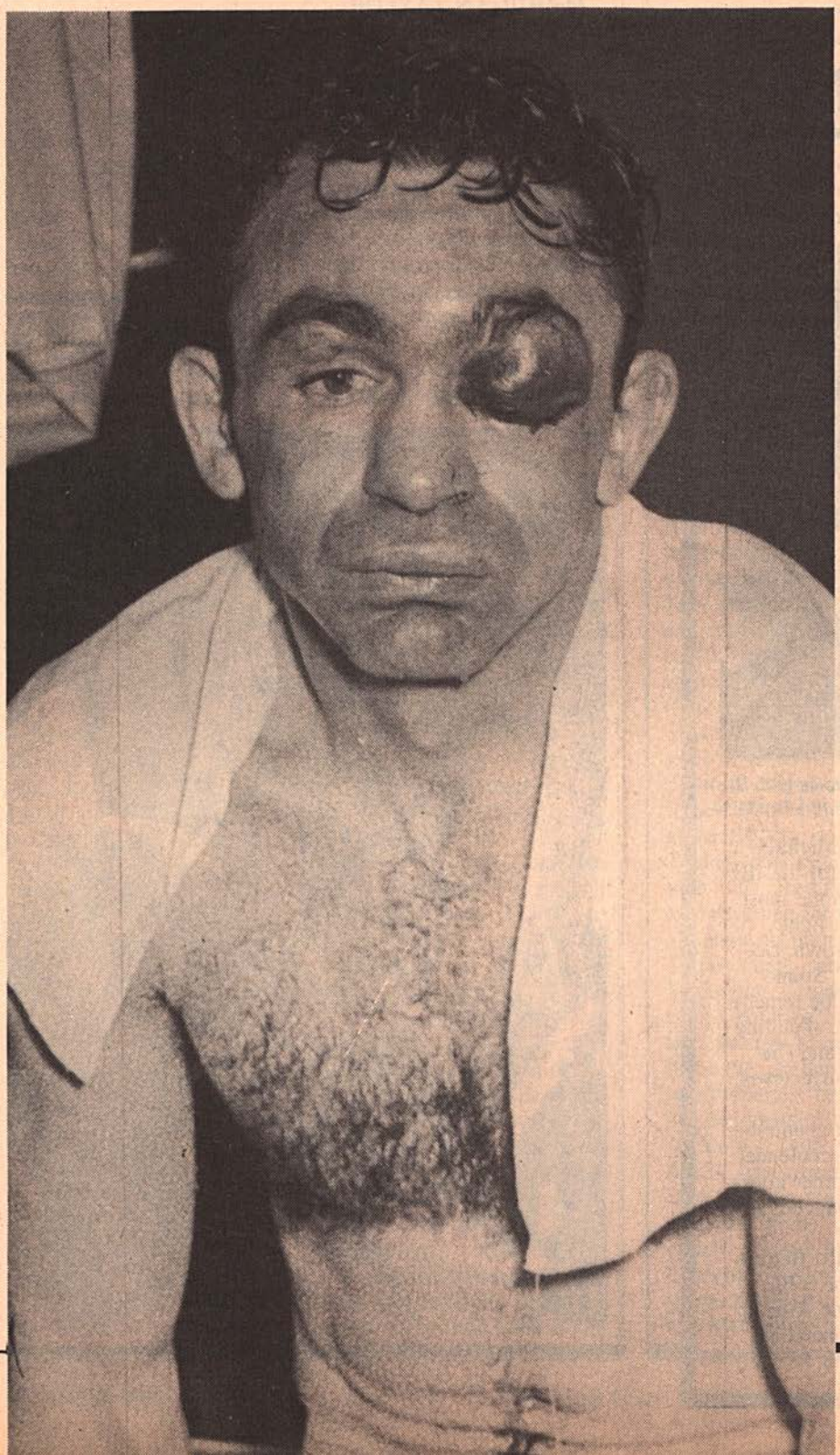
Saddler, apparently, hadn't heard that legend. He came out swinging, and the greatest featherweight of all time passed gently into dreamland in the fourth round.

If that bout had taken place today, a rematch wouldn't even have been considered. After all, Pep only stood up for four rounds. But this was back in the bad old days of the return clause, so the two men were back in the same ring less than four months later.

This time, the dope was the Pep didn't have a chance. He was completely out of his mind trying to fight Saddler again, the experts agreed. This time, he might even get killed.

That night, Pep fought what was maybe the best fight of his life. He took Saddler's best shots and stayed on his feet. He danced and jabbed, turning the fearsome Saddler into a pathetic picture of confusion. Though he was cut and bruised at the end, Pep was the clear winner on

This is how Carmen Basilio looked after his rematch with Robinson. It had been another thriller, but the second time around Sugar Ray was the winner.



points, and Saddler went back to doing whatever ex-champions do.

Eighteen months later, Saddler had clawed his way back. He was once again the top contender, and a third Pep-Saddler match was inevitable. For this third fight, there was a pretty even decision among the experts. Some said that the first fight had been a fluke, and that Pep was going to repeat his artistic points win. Others said that Saddler had had an off night for their second meeting, and that this time he'd be on his game and flatten Willie for good.

The outcome was something of a disappointment. The fight had been pretty exciting for the first few rounds, Pep outboxing Saddler but taking a lot of punishment in the process, when, to the surprise of everyone, Pep suddenly quit in his corner. Former welterweight champ Fritzie Zivic's description of the bout was as follows: "Pep was whipping him going away when Saddler applied a double-arm lock and dislocated Pep's shoulder." There were all kinds of ugly rumors about foul play, fixes and whatnot, but Zivic's description of what went on is as close to the truth as we'll ever get, most likely.

Anyway, arrangements were made in short order for a fourth fight. Since the third fight had ended so ambiguously, this was seen as the real rubber match, and Pep and Saddler sure did treat it as such. For nine rounds they butted, clawed, kicked, wrestled, thumbed and even dragged the referee down to the floor with them. It wasn't the prettiest fight anyone had ever seen, but it sure was one of the most exciting. When Saddler finally stopped Pep on cuts after the ninth, both fighters were suspended by the New York boxing commission, but everyone agreed that it was worth it.

Now, you knew that story already, didn't you? The whole Pep-Saddler series is one of the best-known stories in all of boxing lore. That rivalry kept boxing going at a time when there weren't many superstars around, and it has survived the test of time to become a little bit of history. How many people would remember these two guys if they'd fought only once?

So my conclusion is this: If a boxer has just come off a hell of a fight, he should give a little more thought to doing it again. It may cost him a little in the short run, but the final score of any man's life is the mark he makes on history. Sometimes that mark can be made a little deeper by striking again in the same place. If that means boxers will have to fight a few more times a year, well, I won't cry. □

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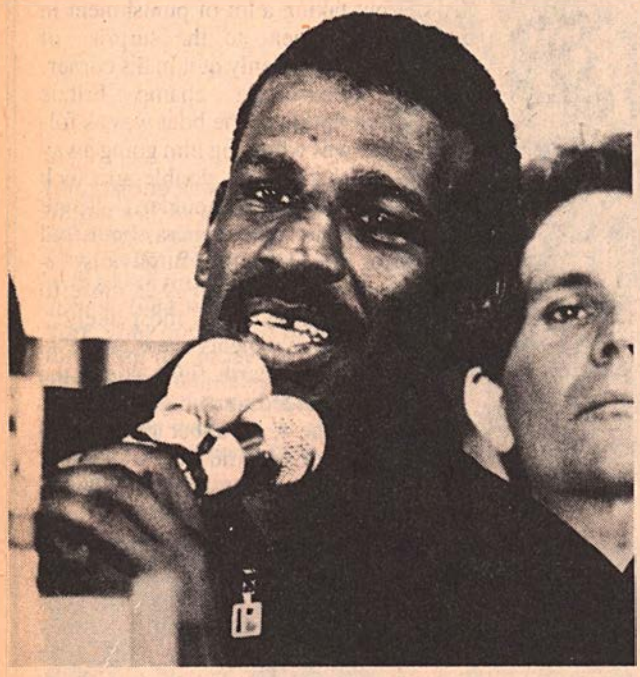
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



THE RING'S Fighter of the Month, Michael Spinks, talks with the press following his upset victory over Larry Holmes in Las Vegas.

Although the fight itself was not all that exciting, **Michael Spinks**' 15-round decision over Larry Holmes for the IBF heavyweight title was a historic event. As even the most casual observer knows, Spinks became the first light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight crown. Despite Holmes' overall deterioration as a fighter, Spinks' accomplishment is considerable. And it should be remembered that very, very few thought Michael capable of pulling such a tremendous upset. Along with the IBF belt and *The Ring*'s recognition as world champion, Spinks also receives our Fighter of the Month award.

Runner-up this month is WBA featherweight champion **Barry McGuigan**, who forced highly regarded contender Bernard (B.T. Express) Taylor to quit in his corner after eight rounds in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It was McGuigan's first defense of his title.

Honorable mentions go to **Bernard (The Bull) Benton** for his upset points win over Alfonzo Ratliff for the WBC cruiserweight title, and to both winner **Baby Joe Ruelas** and loser **Tommy Cordova** who put on such a tremendous struggle for the vacant NABF featherweight title.

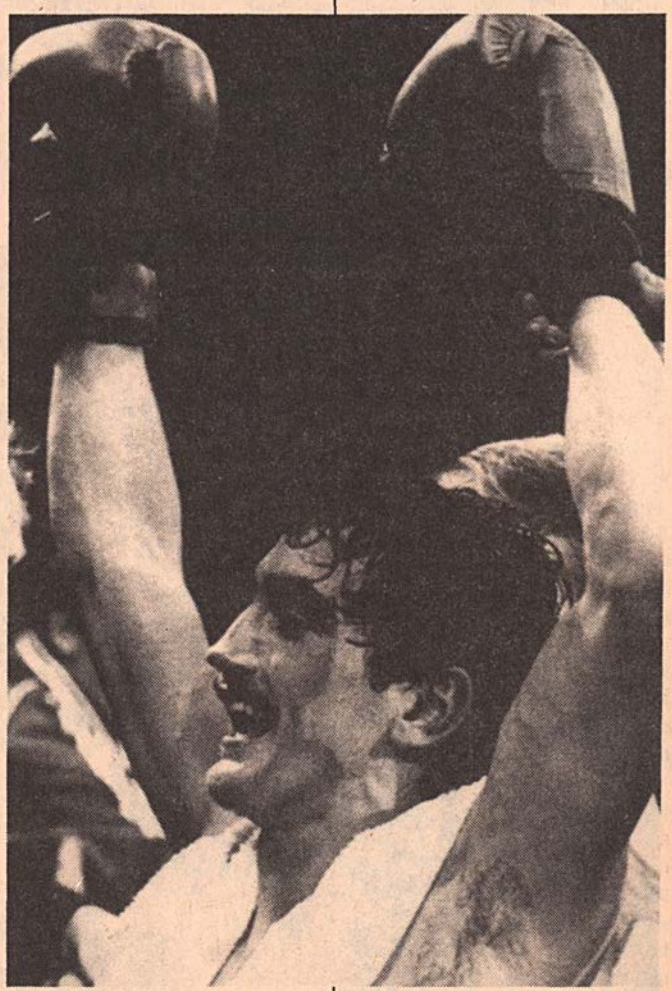
McGUIGAN-TAYLOR

WBA Featherweight Title

BELFAST, IRELAND—It would be difficult to match the electric atmosphere at Kings Hall, an atmosphere that erupted as soon as 6,500 Irish fans realized their idol, Barry McGuigan, had retained his WBA featherweight title. The ecstatic moment came after American challenger Bernard Taylor retired at the end of round eight.

It was McGuigan's first defense of the title he had won

Barry McGuigan celebrates his TKO victory over Bernard Taylor in Belfast. The "B.T. Express" got off to an excellent start, but retired after taking a pounding in the eighth round.



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three months earlier by beating Eusebio Pedroza, and was made all the more memorable because the Clones Cyclone was fighting before his own countrymen.

There was a shock at the 8 a.m. weigh-in when Taylor, the "B.T. Express," was 12 ounces over the 126-pound limit. About a half hour later, he had shed not only the 12 ounces but another eight as well. The weights were: McGuigan, 125 pounds, six ounces; Taylor, 125 pounds, eight ounces.

This was the first world title fight in Belfast since September, 1949, when Rinty Monaghan retained his flyweight crown by drawing with Terry Allen.

Taylor was first into the ring, carrying a miniature American flag, and there was quite an interval before Finbar Patrick McGuigan made his appearance, flanked by his handlers and a police escort. The reception he got was tremendous.

Then came the usual preliminaries—the national anthems, the British being played, the American sung by a friend of Taylor's. Not to be outdone, Barry's father, Pat, sang "Danny Boy."

So to the fight. The press had told everyone what to expect, so everyone knew that Taylor was a speedy counter-puncher, a "runner" with a reputation for not being a heavy puncher. His record of 33-0-1 was a formidable one, the draw having come against Pedroza in 1982.

McGuigan knew exactly what he was up against—an opponent whose quick back pedalling would make anyone look bad who did the chasing. McGuigan, however, was willing to take the chance, and came purposefully forward at the opening bell. Taylor immediately went backwards and then sideways, making full use of the large ring.

The champion followed him, trying in vain to get him to stand still long enough to be able to deliver a solid punch. At times, Taylor would come in with a quick flurry of blows to the head—and be away again before McGuigan could retaliate. All very frustrating.

As the bell sounded for the start of round two, Taylor was still on his stool. Surprisingly, referee Isidro Rodriguez stopped McGuigan with an outstretched arm, and did not lower it until Taylor was ready. Pedroza, too, was guilty of still being on his stool as the bell rang to start a round. One explanation given is that, in America, there is a 10-second buzzer, and the boxers and their handlers expect it. In any case, the instruction, "Seconds out—round two," was heard over the mike throughout Kings Hall.

McGuigan has an exceptionally long reach for a featherweight—70 inches—but even this was not enough for him to get to Taylor. The back pedalling challenger's occasional flurries looked good, but there were periods when he did nothing at all—except circle around McGuigan and wave his gloves. On the rare occasions when McGuigan paused briefly in his forward march, Taylor would leap in with three or four quick punches.

Round four was much like round three, which was much like round two. McGuigan was still unable to pin his man down. In round five, however, there were signs that Taylor's smooth movements around the ring were getting slower. Just at the end of the round, McGuigan succeeded in clipping his man with a left to the chin—a glancing blow, but not a bad punch.

Round six—and a complete change came over the whole proceedings. The frame started quietly enough, but as soon as McGuigan came forward, as he had been doing the whole time, Taylor was not able to move back swiftly enough to avoid being caught. For the first time, the champion was in the driver's seat—a position he would occupy for the remainder of the fight.

Taylor was warned for pulling his man on, his head was going down, and he was forced to hold on more and more. The challenger looked positively ragged, and was walking in to punches. The fans sensed what was happening, and roared encouragement as Barry punched away. The long range boxing contest was over. It was now a fight—the survival of the fittest, and a whole new ball game.

Round seven—and Taylor was again late off his stool. He was warned for misuse of the head and looked very weary—a man vainly seeking refuge. Once again, the old adage applied—"he can run, but he can't hide." McGuigan was now switching his attack from head to body, but it was those body punches that were having their effect on Taylor. The challenger stumbled around, holding whenever he could; but ever blow was weakening him further.

At the end of round seven, Taylor's seconds doused him with water—water that was promptly wiped off by the referee before round eight was allowed to commence. Taylor, now concerned only with self preservation, was again warned for hitting low, although no harm was done. Three left hooks from McGuigan came without reply, but two rights to the body brought a last ditch effort from the challenger. Taylor was desperate; he had almost no strength left. But he tried.

Cooly and cleverly, McGuigan maneuvered his man against the ropes and slammed home punch after punch. At one moment, the helpless Taylor held his gloves high to protect his face, and McGuigan measured him deliberately before delivering a right to the body. The punch seemed to go right through him, and even the fans winced.

That was the decisive punch, but there was no indication of what was about to follow when Taylor made his way to his corner at the end of round eight. After about a half a minute, the towel came in, and it was all over. McGuigan's cornermen hoisted him in sheer delight, and several fans managed to get into the ring to congratulate him. Barry, however, pushed his way through his admirers and offered his condolences to Taylor.

The scoring after eight rounds was as follows: referee Rodriguez (Venezuela), 79-76; judge Angelo Priami (Italy), 77-76; judge Marco A. Rodriguez (Mexico), 80-77—all for the defending champ. It was a decisive victory over the number one WBA challenger, proving that McGuigan is not only a worthy champion, but one of the best, pound-for-pound, among the current crop. On the form he exhibited, McGuigan is likely to retain his title for a long, long time.

"I was so pleased," said McGuigan. "(Taylor) was the most awkward (?) man I've ever met, and hopefully will ever meet. He was so slippery and hard to hit. I felt a wee bit demoralized early on, but my manager and trainer said 'bang to the body,' so I did. That right hand in round eight was about the only punch I delivered properly and which caught him properly. But this was a team effort, and I thank everyone involved. I also thank my fans—those who queued up to come and see me fight. I love them all."

"Barry will now have a rest," said Barney Eastwood, McGuigan's manager, "and it will be three months before he thinks of boxing again. We did have ideas of going to America, but the Irish Perma-

nent Building Society, who contributed towards the sponsorship of this fight, are interested in a similar venture in Dublin. They have the money, we have the time, but as yet it's just speculation.''

Taylor collapsed about 10 minutes after the fight was over; this was said to have been from the heat. A spokesman said he was ''just tired—fast asleep with his cracked ribs strapped up. He'll soon be okay.''

All sorts of explanations were given for Taylor's defeat—heat exhaustion, having to take off weight at the last moment, etc., none of which hold water. (McGuigan said Taylor was ''used to 90 degrees in Tennessee.'') The reason Taylor lost was that he could not stand up to McGuigan's heavy artillery. He was not the first, and will not be the last.

Chris Reid, 171½, Little Silver, N.J., stopped Hugh Johnson, Birmingham, England, referee Bob McMillan intervening at 2:30 of round seven in a scheduled 10 after Johnson had sustained a swollen left eye.

Roy Webb, 120¼, Larne, Ireland, stopped Jeff Hanna, 119½, Terre Haute, Ind., at 1:30 of round five in a scheduled eight. Bob McMillan, referee.

Gary Muir, 138¼, Belfast, kayoed Joey Harris, 138, Manchester, England, in 2:40 of the second round in a scheduled six. Barney Wilson, referee.

Mick Queally, 173¼, Newry, Ireland, halted Terry Gilbey, 178½, Hull, England, at 2:00 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Barney Wilson, referee.

Rocky McGran, 159¾, Belfast, halted Gary Peel, 156, Manchester, at 1:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled six (two-minute rounds). Barney Wilson, referee.

Amateur star Sean Casey, 114½, Derry, Ireland, made his pro debut, outpointing Tony Rahman, 118, Newport, Wales, four (two-minute rounds). Referee Wilson scored it 40-38½, indicating Casey had not lost a round.

Promoter—Stephen Eastwood.
(09-28-85)

RON OLVER

BENTON-RATLIFF

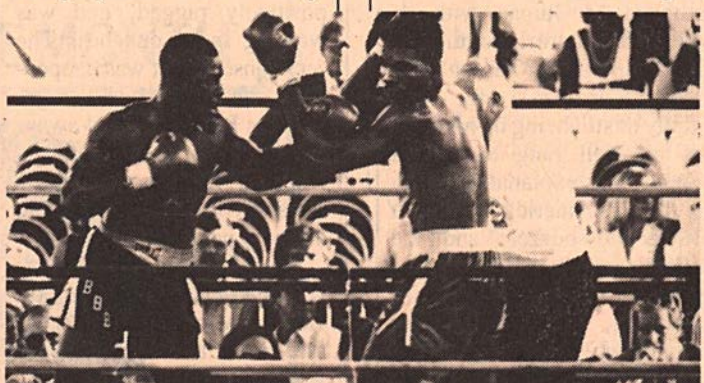
WBC Cruiserweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—In one of the most forgettable title bouts within memory, underdog Bernard (The Bull) Benton, 190, Toledo, Ohio, pressed and crowded a lethargic Alonzo Ratliff, 194, Chicago, right off the World Boxing Council cruiserweight throne at the Riviera Hotel-Casino.

The demise of Ratliff was the first of two upsets on the three-bout championship card highlighted by Michael Spinks' stunning 15-round upset of Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation heavyweight crown.

Ironically, Ratliff's name had been mentioned as a possible opponent for Holmes in the projected 50th victory which would have broken Rocky Marciano's all-time mark of 49-0 had not Spinks' surprise scrambled the charts.

Underdog Bernard (The Bull) Benton (left) throws a left hook at defending champion Alfonzo Ratliff on his way to lifting the WBC cruiserweight title in Las Vegas.



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Ratliff, in a tremendous non-effort, saw his record dip to 20-3 with 15 kayoes. Benton rose to 18-3-1 with nine knockouts in a determined, if unimpressive, performance.

Ratliff did impress a few of the skeptics here last June 6th, when he came from behind to decision Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon for the 195-pound crown.

This time, he let it slip away the same way, as Benton outmuscled and outmauled the 30-year old native of Clarksdale, Mississippi by living up to his nickname in the gathering dusk.

In the official scoring of the three Las Vegas judges, Dalby Shirley and Hal Miller saw it 115-113 while Jerry Roth tabbed it 117-113—all Benton. *The Ring* tally was 117-114 for Benton.

Benton may be one of the rare boxers to win part of a world title coming into the bout off two defeats. The 28-year old Benton dropped a 10-round decision to heavyweight Marvis Frazier last October 23, 1984 in Atlantic City, and then blew the United States Boxing Association cruiser title last March 27 to Boone Pultz on a 12-round decision, also in the New Jersey resort city.

''I had planned to stay on him every round. That's what I did and it brought me the title,'' Benton explained. ''I feel I scored pretty good with both hands to the body and threw some pretty good double overhand hooks which Ratliff couldn't stop.''

Benton lost his cool in the third round when Ratliff hit him after the bell with a three-punch combination and ran after the defending champion returning to his corner to land a right to the head. Referee Joey Curtis calmed the fighters without further incident.

Ratliff appeared to stun Benton with three straight rights in the seventh round, but failed to press the advantage as the challenger gamely came back with hard combinations to the head and body.

Benton shook up Ratliff in the ninth round with three lefts and a right and never let the champion get untracked by crowding and thwarting a potential rally with clinches.

Ratliff earned $75,000 for his first and last defense. Benton's purse was $20,000.

CHAVEZ-PRATCHETT

WBC Super Featherweight Title

Undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez, 130, Culiacan, Mexico, came up with a ''token'' defense of his World Boxing Council super feathererweight (junior lightweight) title—a near shutout over game but outclassed Dwight Pratchett, 129, Gary, Indiana, 12, on the same card as Benton-Ratliff and Spinks-Holmes.

Before and after Chavez scored his 46th straight victory, Alonzo Ratliff and Larry Holmes went down to shocking, upset defeats. But the hard-punching Latin never had a problem with the 22-year old Pratchett.

It seemed Chavez was more interested in getting a good workout than recording his 42nd victory inside the distance. Quite understandable, considering the 130-pound champion from Felix Ramon's stable had wrapped up three title defenses in less than 11 rounds this year.

Chavez's previous appearance (July 7) was far more impressive, as he disposed of former World Boxing Association junior lightweight ruler Roger Mayweather on a two-round knockout at the Riviera.

Pratchett fought far better than his 13-6 record promised; nobody expected the Ohioan to hang in much beyond six rounds. The challenger took the title shot on short notice,

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primarily on the strength of winning the North American Boxing Federation super featherweight crown on May 15 with a 12-round decision over Dennis Cruz at Atlantic City.

The lopsided margin of Chavez's victory was reflected in the judges' ballots—Paul Smith, 118-110; Paul Valenti, 117-111; Tony Valesco, 120-109. *The Ring* scorecard read 120-108.

The co-promotion of the Dynamic Duo, Inc. (Don King and Butch Lewis), and the Riviera management didn't do the paying public any favors by giving Chavez a challenger who had scored only seven career knockouts since turning pro in 1983.

However, Pratchett slipped many punches and made Chavez miss a lot of shots in the first five rounds. The champion appeared to thumb Pratchett in the right eye in the fourth round, but referee Davey Pearl deducted a point from the challenger for holding Chavez behind the head in round five.

Chavez poured on a heavy six-punch combination in the seventh round, but Pratchett remained upright. Julio Cesar, considered one of the big bombers in any division, pound-for-pound, trapped Pratchett in a corner in the 11th round, but the NABF title holder again survived severe cannonading to the head and body.

Chavez's full exercise was worth $115,000. Pratchett picked up $35,000.

Mitchell Julien, 140, San Jose, Calif., ran his record to 17-1 with a three-round knockout over Benny Quintero, 138, San Diego, Calif., who slipped to 16-7. It was scheduled for 10.

Glen Thomas, 152, Louisville, Ky., ran his record to 4-0 by stopping Manuel Reyes, 153, Phoenix, Ariz., at 1:26 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Luciano Solis, 125, Mexico, won a unanimous six-round decision over Enrique Benancia, 124, San Diego, running his record to 7-0. The loser dropped to 2-2.
(09-21-85)

JACK WELSH

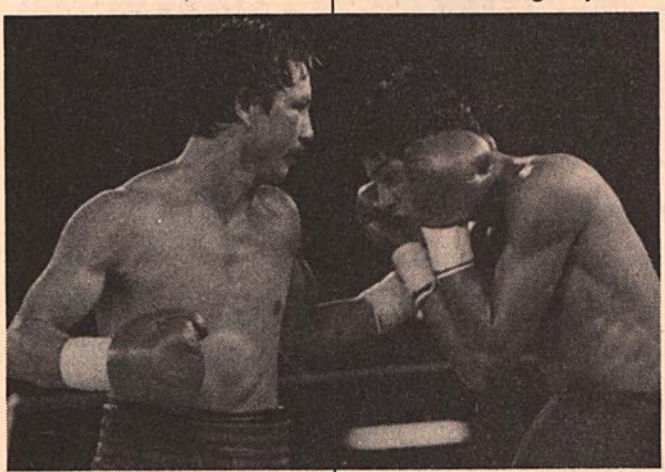
RUELAS-CORDOVA

Vacant NABF Featherweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Worthwhile rematches in boxing are a rarity today, but if Top Rank had its druthers, there would be a lulu awaiting Southern Nevadans in its advanced Christmas show at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

How does this grab you?—"Baby Joe" Ruelas vs. Tommy Cordova!

Anything close to their perpetual motion punching in their September main event at the Showboat Hotel Sports Pavilion would be more than a Yule bonus for area buffs.



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In one of the most action packed fights of the year, "Baby Joe" Ruelas (right) and Tommy Cordova go toe-to-toe during their brawl for the vacant NABF featherweight title in Las Vegas.

In a sizzling finish as close as your next breath, Ruelas, 125½, Placentia, Calif., won a 12-round majority decision over Albuquerque's Cordova, 125¼, to win the vacant North American Boxing Federation featherweight crown. At least half of the 1,200 spectators felt otherwise and roundly booed the verdict.

Mel Greb, Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker, explained that Vegas' original December 17 has been switched with Atlantic City to December 5 since promoter Bob Arum has a special Christmas show booked at Resorts International.

Ruelas and Cordova were still in their dressing rooms putting ice on assorted facial lumps when Top Rank vice president Akbar Muhammad suggested a return bout in December.

Jack Luce, Cordova's manager, agreed "it's okay with us, even if it's a 10-round non-title bout." Jackie McCoy, veteran trainer of Ruelas, had other ideas.

"Before we fight Cordova again, we'd want a little easier bout," McCoy explained. "We knew going in this was going to be a war, and it was. This was a very hard fight for Ruelas and Cordova, and bringing them back in December could ruin both fighters."

The house was on its feet screaming during the final two rounds, and to show their approval in what could be ESPN's TV Fight of The Year, fans threw money into the ring—a rare gesture for Las Vegas.

A converted southpaw, the 22-year old Ruelas improved his record to 18-2 with 15 kayoes while recording his fourth straight win of the year. Cordova, 21, lost for the first time in seven local outings as his ledger dipped to 17-3-2 with eight knockouts.

In virtually every round, the tide of combat ebbed and flowed from one man to the other. The taller Ruelas, a superior boxer, employed an accurate jab in the early part of a round, but the ever swarming Cordova kept the pressure on and was willing to take three and four punches, sometimes, to land one. Had Baby Joe and Tommy been devastating punchers, the fight would not have lasted five rounds—one way or the other.

Ruelas explained why he kept letting Cordova get back in the fight after hitting him with combinations of six and seven punches in the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth rounds.

"Cordova throws a lot of punches; some of them are hard, some of them are soft," the new NABF champion said. "So you try to block 'em all and that's impossible. He got me good to the body a couple of times, and I guess I lost my concentration. Anyway, I know I hurt him a lot more than he hurt me.

"I really thought Cordova would go in the 10th, 11th, and 12th rounds. I caught him in a corner with a six-punch series in the 10th and he wobbled. I hurt him early in the 11th and Cordova held. Later in that round, I drove him into the ropes with a combination."

Cordova had one of his best rounds in the ninth, the last he would win on two scorecards. The popular New Mexico fighter had Ruelas reeling along the ropes with solid body punches and there was a swelling around both eyes.

It was a costly defeat for Cordova, who went into the bout as the World Boxing Association's number eight contender and was ranked two notches lower by the World Boxing Council.

"I'd say this loss cost us at least $100,000," said Jack Luce. "We had signed a

guaranteed contract to fight the winner of WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan's defense against Bernard Taylor in Northern Ireland.

"We hurt Ruelas at least three different times and I thought we were up by two points going into the final round. We have to live with these decisions, and would like to fight Ruelas again if he wants it. We definitely hope to meet somebody in the top ten because this kind of fight shouldn't hurt Tommy's rating."

In the official voting, Lou Tabat had it 115-113 while Chuck Hassett of Anaheim, California, saw it 116-112, both for Ruelas, and Dave Moretti logged a 114-114 draw. *The Ring* tab was 117-114, Ruelas.

Hard punching Mike Sedillo, 174½, Fontana, Calif., finally wore down rugged Ian Mattis, 172½, Seattle, Wash., winning on a TKO at 1:14 of the seventh round in ESPN's Western Regional semi-final tournament. It was scheduled for 10.

Sedillo improved his record to 14-1 with seven kayoes when he caught Mattis along the ropes with a 10-punch volley to the head and body, prompting referee Toby Gibson to halt the suddenly one-sided affair. Mattis' log fell to 11-2 with eight knockouts.

Michael Nunn, 160½, West Hollywood, Calif., was severely extended to score his ninth straight victory over Charles Campbell, 160, Fort Worth, Texas, in an eight-round bout.

Nunn, who had won eight straight by knockout, was in with a rival who was willing to trade despite being the lighter puncher. Campbell's record fell to 15-2-1 with 10 kayoes. There were no knockdowns.

Andy Minsker, 130¼, Milwaukee, Ore., sluggishly worked his way to his seventh straight win with a unanimous eight-round decision over Lamar Baker, 131, Las Vegas. The latter's record evened at 4-4.

Jeff Franklin, 127¾, Las Vegas (7-1-1, two kayoes), boxed a six-round draw with Evelio Perez, 129, Placentia, Calif. (3-0-1, three knockouts).

Roman Almaguer, 135½, Chino, Calif. (13-11-3, two kayoes), won a unanimous six-round decision over Derrick Hudson, 135½, Las Vegas (4-3-1, three knockouts).
(09-25-85)

JACK WELSH

NELSON-ORDENES
WBC Featherweight Title

MIAMI, FLA.—A supposedly tough match turned out to be a cake walk for WBC featherweight champion Azumah Nelson, 126, Ghana, who looked invincible in halting Juvenal Ordenes, also 126, Chile, in 2:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12 in the Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium.

The challenger, a popular figure in Florida rings, took the first round with his left jab and quick footwork. Nelson simply felt him out—not doing much, but not getting hit much, either. The second round saw Nelson bob and weave and score with both hands to the body. Ordenes threw a lot of punches, but most of them missed.

The third frame was a repetition of the second. Ordenes tried to slug it out with the champ in round four—a bad mistake. Nelson opened up with a barrage that knocked Ordenes' mouthpiece loose and had him in bad shape when the round ended. Nelson chased Ordenes in the fifth frame, caught him, and knocked him down twice before referee Steve Crosson stopped the slaughter with the challenger out on his feet.

Nelson is now 21-1 with 16 knockouts. Ordenes is 34-2 with 20 kayoes.

Former WBC heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon, 235, Philadelphia, scored two knockdowns over blubbery Larry Bielfus, 247½, Milwaukee. Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the scheduled 10 at 1:35 of the first round. The crowd booed this mismatch, which saw Witherspoon improve his record to 22-2 with 15 knockouts. Bielfus is a reported 21-16 with seven kayoes.

Matthew Hilton, 157, Montreal, knocked out Lopez McGee, 153, Nashville, Tenn., in 1:44 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Bill Connors, referee.

Sammy Leonard, 156½, Tulsa, Ok., caught Alex Hilton, 162, Montreal, cold with rights that dropped him twice—the second time for the full count in 1:10 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Eddie Eckert, referee. Leonard is now 18-9 with eight knockouts. Hilton is 19-2 with 16 kayoes.

Stewart Hilton, 135¼, Montreal, made his pro debut by knocking out Johnny Rodriguez, 141, Miami, in 0:30 of the first round in a scheduled four. Harry Brenner, referee.

Jose Gonzalez, 135¼, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Sonny Jones, 141, Miami, four. Harry Brenner, referee.

Ricardo Ramos, 147¾, Peru, now boxing out of Miami, won a unanimous decision over Willie Goodman, 151½, Miami, four. Bill Connors, referee.

Title bout judges—A.D. (Spider) Bynum, Dick Cole, Ismael Quinones Falu.

Don King Productions and Mr. Chi Chi Enterprises.

Matchmaker—Tuto Zabala.

Attendance—3,800 (estimated).
(09-06-85)

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Chilean Juvenal Ordenes scores with this left below the belt, but it was WBC featherweight champion Azuma Nelson who did most of the punching stopping Juvenal in the fifth round to retain his title.

WATANABE-KATSUMA
WBC Super Flyweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—Slick punching Jiro Watanabe, 115, retained his WBC super flyweight crown by stopping compatriot Kazuo Katsuma, also 115, at 1:26 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12 at the Osaka Castle Center. It was Watanabe's third defense—a fight between a lion and a rabbit that saw Jiro win all six completed rounds on the scorecards of two judges.

Katsuma, who holds the national title, went right after the champ in the first round, but was met by counter left hands to the face. The second frame saw Watanabe moving in and out—averting almost all Katsuma's blows and scoring with accurate counters.

Bleeding from the nose in round three, Katsuma was the victim of one counterpunch after another. In the fourth, a vicious southpaw right hook following a sharp left to the face put the challenger on the canvas. Katsuma got up, but the champion pinned him to the ropes with a flurry. Watanabe landed a right uppercut to the chin, and the challenger went down as though shot. Only the bell saved him.

The courageous Katsuma recovered quickly, and fought back hard in the next two rounds. Watanabe made up his mind to end it in the seventh, and a smashing right hook, followed by a right left combo, put Katsuma on the canvas. He made it up on rubbery legs, and the champ knocked him down again. Referee James Jen-Kin of California then halted the contest and declared the unmarked champ the winner by a TKO.

"I won as I pleased," remarked the winner. "I could box again right now."

The dejected loser disappeared into a shower.

The scoring after six rounds was as follows: Ryoji Kashiwagi, 58-55; Shoji Nakamori, 60-53; Kodai Kumazaki, 60-51. Watanabe, who made about $200,000, is now 25-1 with 16 knockouts. Katsuma is 17-9-1 with 13 kayoes.

Watanabe will defend against OPBF champion Tae-Il Chang late in November in Korea. That should be another good payday.

Kaoru Yoshioka, 122, stopped Masayuki Takagi, also 122, at 0:39 of the 10th and final round.

Masayoshi Matsuura, 126, TKO'd Kaneto Kimura, 125½, at the end of round seven.

Kasuo Jinde, 126, outpointed Kentaro Kihara, 124½, four.

Yukinobu Hayashino, 114½, outscored Masahiro Nozaki, 115, in the four-round opener.

Promoters—Osaka Teiken and Kambayashi Promotions.

Attendance—10,000 (estimated). Nippon TV.

WBC witness—Frank Quill (Australia).
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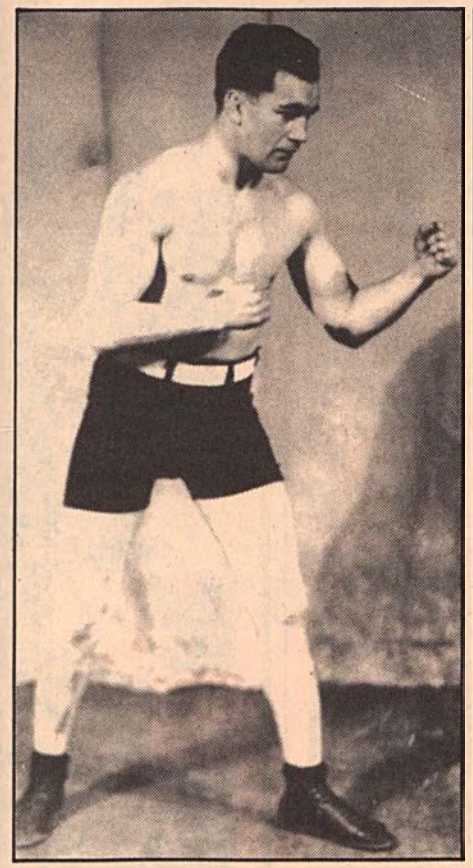
Ask The Answerman

by Herbert G. Goldman



Jack (Kid) Wolfe: the first junior featherweight champion.

Q: For many years, my stepfather has refused to watch professional boxing because he claims it is "fixed." Though I disagree with him and he has provided no evidence to substantiate his claim, can you offer data from an independent investigation that refutes his allegation?

J.M. RICH
Austin, Texas

A: *Sad to speak, your stepfather is right. Fights are, indeed, "fixed." Deuk-Koo Kim did not really die after his fight with Ray Mancini. In fact, Kim was not even his real name. "Deuk-Koo" is really Sammy Wong, a Chinese-American character actor who specializes in death scenes. (SAG number: NY-0818222.) I could cite a thousand more such cases. For example, "Benny Paret," the fighter "killed" in his third fight with Emile Griffith, was—and is—a classical actor named Miguel Roman who has appeared in numerous plays and films with Jose Ferrer. The whole fight game is, in reality, a show, and the fighters, trainers, managers, and promoters are all stunt men/actors. James Remington, the veteran comedy actor who plays Don King, the flamboyant promoter, is one of the highest paid members of the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors, earning almost as much money as the fictional "Don King." The AMA's "attack" on boxing is nothing more than a fine publicity campaign designed to keep you interested and draw a wider audience. Sorry to spoil your dreams, but I just had to spill it. Tell your stepdad that he's one smart cookie!*

Q: What was the scheduled distance of the Jack Johnson-James J. Jeffries bout in Reno, Nevada, July 4, 1910?

JULIO PROLO
Montevideo, Uruguay

A: *Forty-five rounds. Johnson won by kayo in 15.*

Q: Was Jack Britton, welterweight champ of the 1910s and early '20s, ever knocked out? I remember him as a defensive marvel.

JESSE MASON
Burlington, Iowa

A: *Steve Kinney knocked out Britton in Milwaukee on October 20, 1905, six days after Jack's 20th birthday. This was the only kayo Britton suffered in a career that lasted into 1930—more than 350 contests.*

Q: When did Muhammad Ali announce his retirement?

RUSSELL JACKSON
Highland, Ind.

A: *Ali first announced his retirement on February 3, 1970, 13 days before the Frazier-Ellis title bout. Muhammad returned to the ring later that year, lost to Frazier, won and lost the title twice over the next eight years, and announced his retirement as world heavyweight champion on June 27, 1979. He came back twice more—losing to Larry Holmes in a title bout on October 2, 1980 and dropping a decision to Trevor Berbick on December 11, 1981. His final won-lost record was 56-5.*

Q: Who holds the record for most losses in a career?

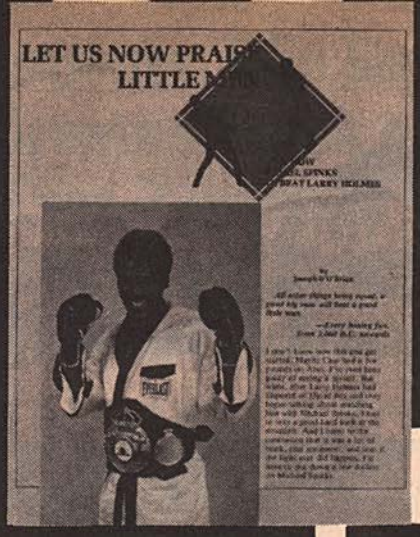
JACK HELLER
Aurora, Ill.

A: *Britain's Arnold (Kid) Sheppard, who lost 146 out of 276 total bouts in a career that stretched from 1926 to 1939.*

Q: When did the junior featherweight division come into existence?

JOHN H. WEST
Canton, Ohio

A: *The newly formed New York State Athletic Commission's 1920 rules provided for junior classes, including a junior featherweight class at 122 pounds. The first world title bout in the division took place in Madison Square Garden on September 21, 1922, with Jack (Kid) Wolfe of Cleveland outpointing world bantamweight champion Joe Lynch in a lacklustre affair refereed by Patsy Haley. The division died out after a few years, and was not really revived until the World Boxing Council sanctioned a bout between Panama's Rigoberto Riasco and Waruinge Nakayama for the world "super bantamweight" title on April 3, 1976. The scheduled 15-rounder, held in the Nuevo Panama Arena and refereed by Carlos Berrocal, saw Riasco stop Nakayama at the end of nine. The WBA sanctioned its own junior featherweight title bout in November, 1977, a fight that saw Soo-Hwan Hong of Korea kayo Hector Carrasquilla in round three. There have been WBC super bantamweight champions and WBA junior featherweight champions ever since.*



THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME

Michael Spinks Beats Larry Holmes For Heavyweight Title In Historic Upset.

The Ring's contributing editor, Joseph D'O'Brian, was one of the few boxing writers to pick Michael Spinks to upset Larry Holmes in this article carried in our August '85 issue.

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—THIRTEEN years ago Warner Bros. produced a movie, *The Candidate*, starring Robert Redford and a solid cast of character actors. Redford portrayed a southern California attorney, toiling for civil rights, who was drafted almost against his will to unseat a liberal incumbent in the U.S. Senate. Redford, who never really aspired to Capitol Hill, inadvertently parlayed good looks and sincerity into a surprise victory. Redford's final dialogue in the film would have been a perfect epilogue for the real-life boxing shocker Michael Spinks created in Las Vegas last September.

As his newly-won constituents gave their vocal approval, Redford, still in awe, stood on a balcony and asked his campaign manager, "What do we do now?"

By now, Spinks and Butch Lewis, the heavyweight champion's long-time promoter/confidante, have probably come down from the stratosphere to face similar issues after unseating Larry Holmes as the International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion in one of the most unlikely upsets in the history of the sport.

"What do we do now?" is far more applicable to Spinks than it was as a fictional line for Redford. The undefeated 29-year old Spinks and his connections have until December to decide what he's going to do with the undisputed world light-heavyweight crown he has worn so well since 1981. But more importantly, Michael and Butch have to seriously consider the best way to market a title he wasn't supposed to win in the first place. Holmes was already counting on victory No. 50 to break the late Rocky Marciano's still safe 49-0 all-time heavyweight record.

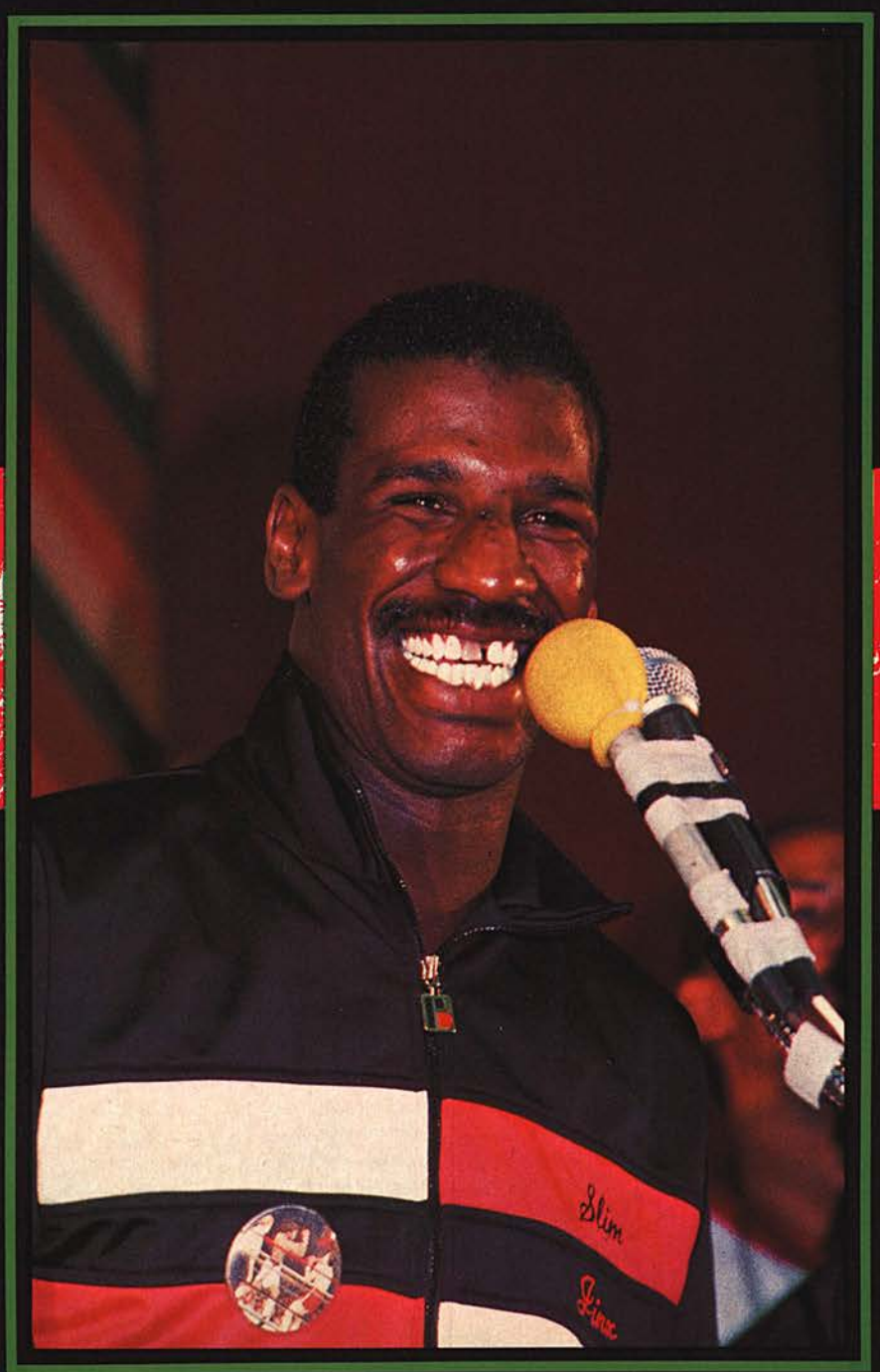
Spinks, who had completely rebuilt his body with the help of spots nutritionist Mackie Shilstone, was a 200-pound, twisting contortionist against Holmes. His unorthodox style seemed to mesmerize Larry. At the conclusion of their 15-rounder, Michael was the winner by a unanimous decision and for the first time in his 13-year professional career, Holmes was thrust into the alien roll of loser.

Spinks' poundage even surprised a confident Holmes at the weigh-in despite the defending champion's 22-pound advantage. Yet there is no way this new IBF monarch can ever get any bigger and successfully operate in his chosen profession. Heretofore, Michael, courageously defying all traditions of the ring, was the "lit-

Photo by Chris Farina

"I think I might have dreamt it once, but I really never saw myself winning this fight."

—Michael Spinks . . . the winner and new heavyweight champion



The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
6. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
7. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio

11. David Bey 12. James Broad 13. Tony Tucker 14. James Smith 15. Frank Bruno 16. Eddie Gregg 17. Marvis Frazier 18. Jeff Sims 19. Mitchell Green 20. Jesse Ferguson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARD BENTON** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
4. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
6. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
8. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
9. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
10. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Ricky Parkey 12. Henry Hearns 13. Boone Pultz 14. Chisanda Mutti 15. David Pearce.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
3. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
6. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
7. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
8. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
9. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Grover Robinson 12. Clarence Osby 13. Fulgencio Obelmejias 14. Marvin Mack 15. Evander Holyfield 16. Tim Broady 17. Alex Blanchard 18. Poncho Carter.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Herol Graham** ..... England
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
7. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
8. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea

11. John Collins 12. Mustafa Hamsho 13. Dwight Davison 14. Curtis Parker 15. Murray Sutherland 16. Alex Ramos 17. Mark Holmes 18. Iran Barkley.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos☆** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Darnell Knox 12. Lindell Holmes 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Robert Hines 16. Earl Hargrove 17. Troy Darrell. 18. Fred Hutchings.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*☆** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England
8. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
9. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
10. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.

11. Marlon Starling 12. Horace Shufford 13. Carlos Trujillo 14. Herman Montes 15. Pedro Vilella 16. Jorge Vaca. 17. Vincent Pettway 18. William Clayton.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Bill Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Aaron Pryor☆** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Leroy Haley 14. Reyes Cruz 15. Brian Baronet 16. Joe Louis Manley 17. Hugo Hernandez 18. Saul Julio 19. Eung-Shik Kim 20. Clinton McKenzie.

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Ratings as of October 12, 1985

*** WBA CHAMPION**
**** WBC CHAMPION**
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Sammy Fuentes** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Howard Davis, Jr. 12. Bobby Chacon 13. Harry Arroyo 14. Robin Blake 15. Rene Weller 16. Pernell Whitaker 17. Nelson Bolanos 18. Edwin Curet.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
5. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
6. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana

11. Pat Cowdell 12. Rufugio Rojas 13. Jean Marc Renard 14. Barry Michael 15. Dennis Cruz 16. Ruben Castillo 17. Tae-Jin Moon 18. Lester Ellis 19. Edgar Castro 20. Raphe Sims.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Min-Keun Oh☆** ..... Korea
7. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Tyrone Jackson** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Savage 12. Jorge Lujan 13. Sergio Zambrano 14. Irving Mitchell 15. Joe Ruelas 16. Lupe Suarez 17. Juan Antonio Lopez 18. Tommy Cordova 19. Dana Roston 20. Juvenal Ordenes.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas

11. Mike Ayala 12. Seung-Hoon Lee 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Tommy Valoy 15. Ramon Dominguez 16. Bernardo Pinango 17. Yun-Kap Choi 18. Samart Payakaroon 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

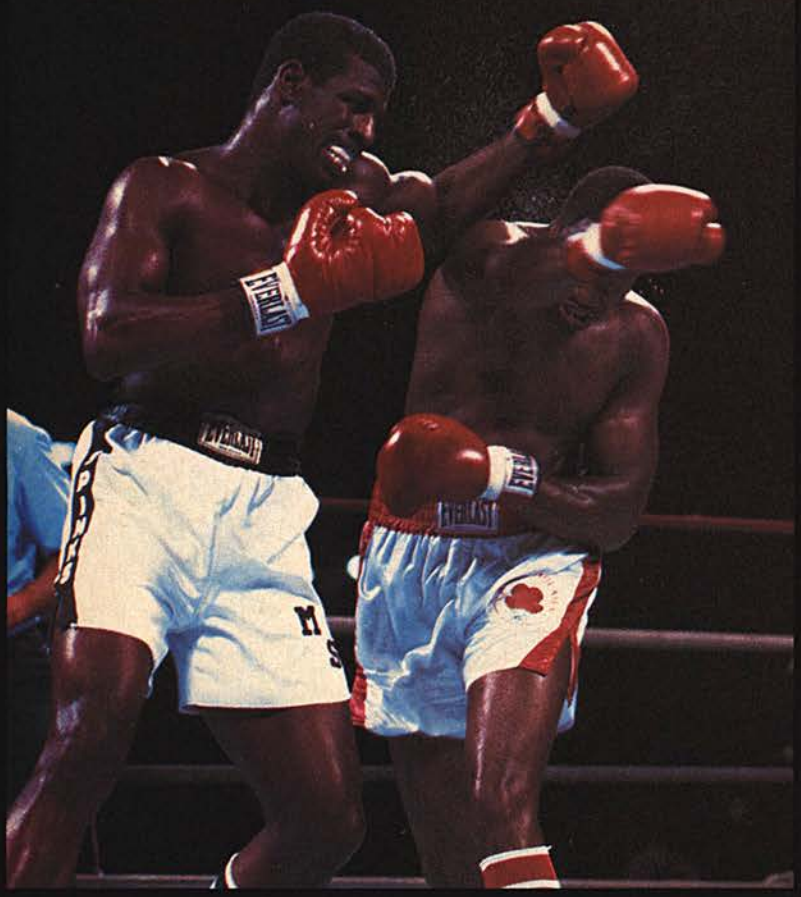
RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
5. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
6. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
7. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
8. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
9. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
10. **Elly Pical** ..... Indonesia

11. Hurley Snead 12. Enrique Sanchez 13. Santos Laciar 14. Cardenio Ulloa 15. Chan-Young Park 16. Lucio Lopez 17. Jeff Fenech 18. Sam David 19. Juan Polo Perez 20. Kazuo Katsuma.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
3. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
4. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico

11. Jorge Cano 12. Agustin Garcia 13. Freddie Castillo 14. Javier Lucas 15. Soon-Chun Kwon 16. Francisco Quiroz 17. Antoine Montero 18. German Torres 19. Reinaldo Becerra 20. Rafael Caban.



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tle" challenger. Today he is the "little" champion who will always be a genuine David against the Goliath-like pretenders to the throne lining up around the world.

Perhaps the effervescent Lewis, a 38-year-old Philadelphian who defected to New York nearly a decade back, has already put together an acceptable television package for sometime early in 1986. Lord knows, Pinklon Thomas, World Boxing Council champion, and Tony Tubbs, his World Boxing Association counterpart, would love to be part of it. Both authentic giants were among ringside celebrities watching a sad tableau of a disintegrating champion ending a near-perfect reign of seven years atop the mountain. Only the incomparable Joe Louis (1937-1949) stayed longer with 25 defenses, four more than Holmes.

Thomas and Tubbs may ultimately get their chance with Spinks in what boxing sorely needs—a series to produce an undisputed world heavyweight champion. Right now Lewis has other plans for his sudden super star named Spinks.

"We've already got a firm offer from NBC for a prime time fight in late November, and Home Box Office is talking about some big money in December," Lewis informed. "But they won't be picking the opponents. As for Dynamic Duo, Inc., (a corporation formed with Don King for the promotion with the Riviera), it was only for the Holmes fight. There are no further obligations, but I'm sure Don and I will sit down together and see what can be worked out."

Where does Thomas and Tubbs fit in Spinks' future scenario?

"I've always liked Pinklon, he's a helluva guy, and Tony has been like a little brother to me," Lewis explained. "I have high regard for both as WBC and WBA champions, but I'd like to see them settle their business (fight each other), and then we'll talk about fighting the winner.

"Now I'm not saying this as a put down, and I sure as hell don't mean it that way for Thomas and Tubbs, but if you took a survey right now with the average man on the street, nine out of 10 wouldn't know who you were talking about. But they'd all know Michael Spinks—the only man to ever beat Larry Holmes."

Another name being bandied about by Butch and others is Gerry Cooney. Now there's a name that everybody has heard of, but as is always the case when speaking of the Long Island heavyweight, one can never be sure just how serious Cooney is about fighting. According to manager Dennis Rappaport, Gerry is ready to come out of retirement, but wants "some positive assurance" that Spinks will fight him before beginning serious training. But Cooney's career has been on the backburner for so long, it might prove impossible to get it boiling again.

Spinks, who strengthened his credentials to 28-0, 19 KOs, would have no problem dropping back to the cruiserweight division (195-pounds) and pick up a third championship. But like the 175-pound class Michael has decimated with 10 title defenses, there is no serious money to be made.

Michael earned $1 million as an alleged "easy little guy" for Holmes' 49th straight victory. Larry also picked up a $3.5 million check, but he paid a high price to make the deposit.

Holmes went off as a minus $6.50 choice in Nevada's sports books. Not only did the resident experts and media-types see an early knockout victory, the Riviera management was already talking with King about a tentative November date for Larry's projected milestone win of 50 in a row. Spinks and Lewis would relish a highly lucrative rematch "because Larry gave us our chance," but the deposed champion, leaving a media post-fight press conference, looked back over his shoulder, saying: "Forget it, you've got my title . . . I'm going home and spend some of my millions."

Forget all that jazz about the Spinks Jinx, or the ghost of Marciano haunting Holmes. Father Time was the culprit every step of the way, aided and abetted by the talents of Spinks.

By the time that ring announcer Chuck Hull revealed the verdict to the 11,192 gathered in the Riviera's outdoor stadium, Holmes was 35 going on 70, unable to do what he had to do—win the final round—to make his 21st title defense a success. It wasn't so much that Spinks took the champion's laurels in a decisive manner as it was Holmes' inability to capitalize offensively when it appeared he had the skittering challenger in jeopardy along the ropes.

It is a malady that has stricken most of his predecessors who stayed too long at the fair. Holmes spotted numerous chinks in Spinks' unorthodox defense, but his reflexes betrayed him when the big bombs were needed. Larry's once-rapier jab was little more than a flick and the right hand, which claimed most of those 34 victims inside the distance, was virtually nonexistent.

Holmes must have felt his legs were encased in cement as he tried to press his light-hitting tormentor. Larry's frustrating bid to cut off the ring was more of a lunge or a lurch than genuine stalking. Despite Spinks' pitty-pat punches in a strike-and-retreat strategy, Holmes had lumps over and under both eyes at the end. Swollen lips also showed what the rapidity of leather can do. Sometimes a perplexed Holmes looked at Spinks, as if to say, "What the hell am I doing here?"

Spinks was refreshingly honest and surprisingly unmarked in the post-mortem session.

"I think I might have dreamed it once, but I really never saw myself winning this fight. But I knew what I had to do and I did it," Spinks said. "Larry Holmes never hurt me. Holmes couldn't land the jab the way he wanted because all my crazy head feints were breaking his rhythm. He was also having trouble with his right. Larry always liked to say he'd get his opponents drunk before he mugged them. Well, he never got me drunk. I didn't really hurt Holmes either because if I did I would have seen it in his eyes. But I felt I was hitting him more than he was hitting me, and that's what it's all about.

"I had a lot of problems in training. Things were not going right in the gym, some of my sparring partners were pushing me around. I also had symptoms of a cold and took a lot of antibiotics right up to the fight. That's why I was coughing or blowing my nose nearly every round. I also threw up when the decision was announced."

There were times when Spinks looked like a novice. He was either jumping from side to side, falling away from Holmes' jab, or almost leaping into Holmes' thick torso behind a flurry of mediocre punches. Michael later explained the weird moves all served a purpose.

"I wanted to mesmerize and hypnotize Larry with my movements. It worked. I know it bothered him. He thought I was having an athletic fit," the IBF champion laughed. "But I had to argue with the referee (Carlos Padilla) to tell him to watch Holmes' rough stuff. Every time I was in close with Holmes, I got his elbow in my face. They say I'm the one who is suppose to use his elbows. Early Larry was grabbing me and hustling me to see what he could get away with. We're a couple of class guys and I wanted this fight to be a class act."

Though the bout proved to be "History—A September to Remember," the overall action was not worthy of such an epic moment. However, in all categories, Michael Spinks deserves the highest of marks for completing a "Mission Impossible."

The 1976 Montreal Olympic gold

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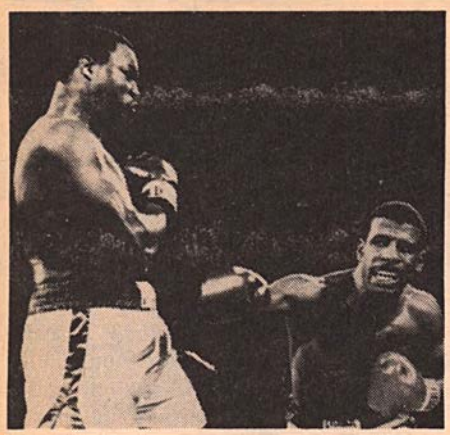


Michael Spinks (right) attacks defending champion Larry Holmes during the second round of their historic title fight in Las Vegas. Spinks became the first light heavyweight champion to successfully challenge for the heavyweight crown.

medalist (middleweight) succeeded most nobly where such erstwhile greats as Georges Carpentier, Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Archie Moore, John Henry Lewis, and Bob Foster failed, thus becoming the first 175-pound champion to dethrone a heavyweight in office.

Michael's surprise also made it the first time brothers had challenged the same heavyweight champion, Holmes having TKO'd Leon Spinks in four rounds June 12, 1981 in Detroit. Of course, no brothers have ever reigned as heavyweight titlists before.

Perhaps the most glamorous feat of all was that Leon Spinks, a 7-1 longshot with only seven pro fights, took Muhammad Ali's title February 15, 1978 in the Las Vegas Hilton's Sports Pavilion, only a few hundred yards from where Michael turned Larry's dream into a nightmare. Whatever their final evaluation as fist fighters, Michael and Leon Spinks will stand alone in boxing annals as the ultimate entry in forging the most unlikely pair of upsets in heavyweight history.

Although there were no knockdowns, Spinks generated repeated roars from the crowd with his willingness to take the fight to Holmes from the third round on. In the fourth round, Michael caught Holmes with several stinging hooks and dazzled the crowd in the seventh round when he stung Larry with three straight overhand rights.

Ironically, as the door slammed unexpectedly on Holmes' tenure as the most accepted of all current heavyweight champions, conditions were almost identical to June 9, 1978 when he first won the WBC crown from Ken Norton on a dramatic 15-round split decision at Caesars Palace. Holmes and Norton, in one of history's most vicious heavyweight title bouts, went into the 15th round dead even on all scorecards. Back then, it was a vintage Holmes who stood toe to toe with Norton, punching murderously until the final bell to become the new champion by one point on each of two scorecards. Coming down to the wire in the Spinks fight, two judges—Dave Moretti of Las Vegas and Harold Lederman of New York—had the action even at 133-133 while Seattle's Larry Wallace marked it 135-132, Spinks.

Holmes had evened it up in the 14th, and trainer Richie Giachetti, back in the fold after a four-year absence, implored Larry as early as the third round to "throw more punches" . . . "don't wait for him . . . back him up . . . use the right uppercut . . ."

Giachetti bordered on apoplexy down the stretch as he literally screamed at Holmes to "quit trying for a one-punch (right) knockout." Sitting on the stool, Holmes always nodded in agreement, but nothing happened. The Cleveland conditioner even tried to psyche the fading champion by leading cheers just off the ring apron as the final round started.

Spinks, always dubbed awkwardly clever, had been that way all night, and rushed out for the last gasp by lunging and flailing away at his weary adversary. Michael was still able to turn and walk away from Holmes' jab, but for an instant it appeared Larry might reach down one more time and survive with a desperation rally. Working Spinks along the ropes near the latter's corner, Larry landed his two best rights of the fight to the head and followed up with a left.

Michael reeled into the ropes and appeared dazed as he grabbed the top strand, but the invincible Father Time had a strangle hold on Holmes and wouldn't let go. Unlike those prime nights when he'd had an opponent in trouble, Holmes hesitated. The man from Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley just stood there with his left at his side and the right cocked.

Spinks literally ran his way to the crown, especially in those final 60 seconds, again using strange lateral movements behind peek-a-boo gloves. Spinks even had time for a light flurry. And in the final tabulations, he had caught the eye of the judges. However, most ringsiders who felt Spinks did enough overall to merit the decision, gave the 15th round to Holmes on the strength of that three-punch salvo.

Scoring in boxing is highly subjective and it was proven on a balmy night in this storied mecca of chance. Holmes appeared to land the harder blows (his best rounds being the first, second, fifth, ninth, 11th, 12th, 14th, and 15th), but Spinks dished out the larger volume. Had Holmes officially been given the final round, he would have retained the crown, but the voting, where it counted, went to Spinks—Moretti and Lederman finished up with 143-142, and Wallace, 145-142, all for the new champion.

Holmes had made 17 successful defenses of the WBC diadem before giving it up in December, 1983 in a contractural dispute with King, his personal promoter for nearly a decade. The IBF, with Robert Lee presiding, immediately anointed Holmes as its champion. Larry made three defenses, starting with James "Bonecrusher" Smith last November, and David Bey in March, both at the Riviera, and last May in Reno where he decisioned Carl "The Truth" Williams in 15.

Holmes said he was retiring after the Bey stoppage, but few people believed him. Greed—nothing else—proved to be Larry's albatross. The smell of green, not the grease paint, sent him out on this ill-starred mission against Spinks, who proved to be a thinking man's fighter in getting Holmes' number. Larry made no bones about it with the public . . . it was money, money, money as the motivation. He didn't need Marciano's record for a ride into boxing immortality, but the feeble quest for it left everything he'd accomplished slightly tarnished.

The Williams fight, against a big heavyweight 10 years his junior, was a tough fight for Holmes, and in retrospect, a prelude of things to come. To his credit if not success, Holmes and his entourage arrived in Las Vegas for the customary six weeks conditioning that had been the regimen throughout his career in the Valley of the Dollars.

Time and again, Holmes insisted he "had nothing but complete respect for Michael Spinks as a champion and a challenger, but if he's willing to take the punishment I'm going to deliver, that's okay with me."

In his final utterance before the showdown, Holmes said: "I'm dedicated, disciplined, and committed. I know Spinks will try his best, but he will fall short. The record is there to be broken. There are people who don't want to see me do it, but I don't care. I've brought Rocky Marciano back, and in 400 years, someone is going to bring me back."

Holmes has always been afflicted to mood swings, especially in the final 48 hours winding down to a fight. The defending titleholder was relaxed at the weigh-in, telling Duane Ford of the state

athletic commission to "give Spinks that extra quarter" after the challenger's official reading was 199¾ pounds. By contrast, Larry had spotted Archie Moore, who he had hired as a consultant, talking to Lewis in the Riviera lobby two days before the fight, and fired him on the spot for "not being loyal to the cause." King managed to catch up with Archie as he was checking out to return home to San Diego, and the dispute was resolved.

Wearing brown-tinted glasses and a red and blue jump suit, Holmes, flanked by his brother Jake, and Giachetti, finally got through the human crunch filing out of the Riviera's one-time arena to face media inquisitors.

"First, I want to thank my wife, Diane, for putting up with me all these years and all the people who have worked for me so well for so many years," the beaten gladiator said through puffy lips. "This was an important fight. I did what I had to do in spite of what some people think. I feel I won the fight, and I know it's time I'm getting some respect because as I left the ring, people were saying to me, 'They really screwed you, Larry.'"

"Nevertheless, that's not taking nothing away from Michael Spinks. He's a good fighter and a good champion, but his unorthodox style did present some problems. And that's not taking anything away from Rocky either. I've had a great career like Rocky did . . . seven years heavyweight champion of the world. Most people like Howard Cosell, Cus D'Amato, and Gil Clancy said Larry Holmes would never be a world champion. I went wrong somewhere and became champion. I went wrong by beating all challenges."

Holmes admitted he hesitated in throwing the right hand because "I wanted to be sure it landed."

"Sure, I held back because I figured Spinks would tire . . . a lot of his punches were landing on my back and shoulders. Michael was thumbing me, but he apologized when I reminded him of it," Larry said with shrug.

"Losing is a happening that comes to everyone . . . whether it's in sports or in life. It doesn't hurt me to lose because I have my wife and my family. Anyway, I'm gonna quit. I don't need boxing anymore. There will be no rematch unless it's with my wife, Diane. I've made over $67 million. I own a $6 million hotel, parking lots, restaurants, and bars back home. I have two Rolls Royces paid for, and $99 million in the bank."

Holmes should have left it at that. Then nobody would have gasped in disbelief as he suddenly became a study in bad taste. Throughout his brilliant career, the Easton Assassin has always needed his ego massaged and his celebrity reassured. Yet there have been times when the slightest negative press has transformed the usually gracious Holmes into a surly, churlish man who speaks before thinking.

Too bad it happened in Larry's ungraceful swan song. Peter Marciano, Rocky's brother, and the deceased champion's daughter, Mary Anne, 21, and son, Rocky, Jr., 17, were among the assembly jammed in the Riviera's convention area to hear the fighters reflect on their exercise with leather. They ended up bearing the brunt of Larry's disappointment.

"On the day of the fight, I got upset with some of the things I was hearing from the Marciano family, especially his brother," Holmes sulked. "I think he's in the back. I've never taken anything away from Marciano, and I think his family owes me a great deal for bringing him back to life.

"Not knowing anything about Rocky, not trying to put him down, but it would be so easy for me to do it. In spite of what everybody said, I do what I want. This is probably why I lost. I tell it like it is and I'll do it till I die. I'm a 35-year-old fighting young men and he (Marciano) was 25 years old fighting old men. There was also something about Marciano's early record, but that's not important now. I could easily put him down. If you want to get technical about it, Rocky couldn't carry my jockstrap."

Surprisingly, some of Holmes' abuse was a severe mixture of obscene and racist remarks that even an underground newspaper might hesitate to print.

"I'd appreciate it if Jerry Lisker (sports editor, New York *Post*) or anybody else trying to run a computer fight puts the truth in the machine, and not some fantasy thing (Rocky beat Larry in the *Post*'s poll) because people want a white hope. There will never be a white heavyweight champion as long as black fighters are fighting the way they are," Holmes said.

Holmes then stretched on the dais, trying to spot Marciano's brother. "If I hurt your feelings back there, Sonny. Isn't your name Sonny? (Larry was informed it was Peter). Well, Peter, if I hurt your feelings back there, so (bleeping) what?"

Marciano seemed to be trying to answer, but Larry quickly drowned him out.

"Wait a minute . . . this is my show. You've been invited here by Caesars Palace. You're freeloading on your brother even after he's dead. If it wasn't for me, you would have never been invited by Caesars Palace with all expenses paid."

Realizing his super *faux pas*, which would soon echo throughout the world, Holmes tried to reverse his field.

"Let me explain to you all what I've said. Rocky was one of the greatest fighters of all time. I said anybody who could accomplish a record of 49-0, even if he fought all bums, which he didn't, was something special. It was just in the last two years that I found out what a great fighter Marciano was. I'm sorry you (Peter) took that out of context. I would have loved to have broken the record, and I would have loved to have met him.

"If I didn't respect Rocky, I wouldn't have his pictures all over my house and in my restaurant. I'd also like to invite you (Peter) to my house in Easton and show you all my souvenirs, many of Rocky. And if you invited me, I'd be happy to come to your house in Brockton. I hope we can have a drink later and there's no hard feelings."

Less than 24 hours after arriving back in Easton from Las Vegas, Holmes told the wire services, "I want to offer my apologies to Rocky Marciano's family for the remarks I made at the press conference. I have no hard feelings toward Rocky Marciano."

Unlike Holmes' inane tirades, Marciano's offsprings did not lose their cool.

"I always thought Larry Holmes was a worthy champion until he took pot shots at my father," said daughter Mary Anne.

"I was rooting for Michael Spinks . . . but I always root for any challenger against Holmes," informed Rocky, Jr.

Holmes basically didn't reach for an alibi in a fight where the full impact of such a monumental defeat may still be settling in.

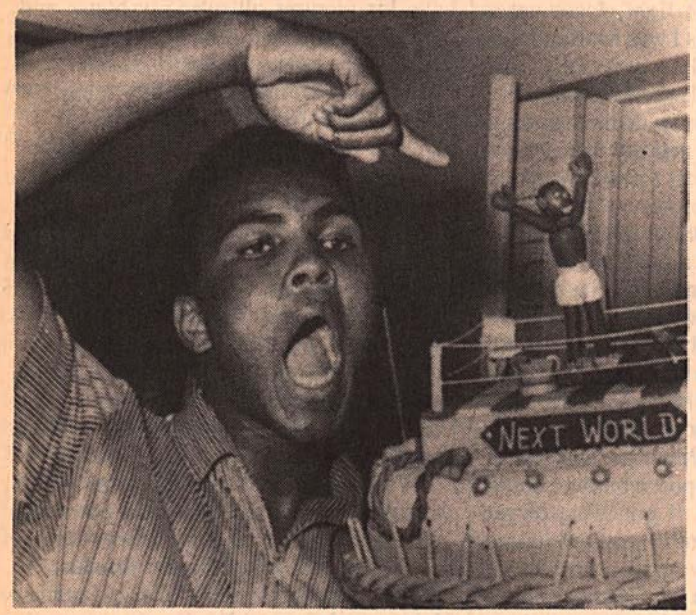
"I want to thank the WBC, WBA, and especially the IBF," boxing's apprentice retiree said. "And of course, the writers. Even the ones writing negatively, because you guys put me where I am."

Larry Holmes appears financially set for life, so don't look for a comeback unless somebody comes along waving immense green, which he has obviously found irresistible. Holmes and his family now have a lifetime for reflection on what might have been, plus the burden of knowing greed can be a vicious enemy. □

Editor's Note: Less than two weeks after his loss to Spinks, Holmes told The Associated Press that he *was* interested in a rematch. "My pride is involved," said Larry. "I know I can beat Michael Spinks."

SOLID GOLD MAN

The "Spinks Jinx" Has Done it Again



Not too many people believed Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) when he said he was going to be the next world heavyweight champion. But on February 25, 1964 he TKO'd Sonny Liston in one of the biggest upsets in heavyweight history.

ON FEBRUARY 15, 1978, LEON SPINKS, a 10-1 underdog with seven pro fights under his belt, won the world heavyweight title with a split decision over Muhammad Ali. The boxing world was stunned.

On September 20, 1984, Leon's "little" brother, Michael, another prohibitive underdog, won the world heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Larry Holmes, and the boxing world was even more stunned.

What happened? What causes these occasional "upsets" in fights for the heavyweight championship of the world?

Styles make for upsets in the lighter weight divisions. Among heavyweights, upsets occur when the defending champion becomes old overnight—or almost overnight. Then there is that other demon: "I took him light." Remember *Rocky*?

To put it in perspective, here are the great heavyweight upsets of all-time, in chronological order:

Septebmer 7, 1892, Olympic Club, New Orleans, La.—James J. Corbett, 178, San Francisco, Calif., won the world heavyweight title by knocking out defending champion John L. Sullivan, 221, Boston, Mass., in the 21st round. Here, it was a case of skill and youth over power and age. At the time, it was the greatest upset imaginable. The American public considered "The Great John L." unbeatable, but age (34), dissipation (Sullivan was a notorious drunkard), and a new breed of fighter—the polished boxer—led to his inevitable downfall. Twenty-six year old James J. Corbett had fought nothing except gloved fights. He jabbed, he moved, and he made Sullivan—whose major fights had all been with bare knuckles—look foolish. John L. suffered a ferocious beating, and he never fought again.

March 17, 1897—Bob Fitzsimmons, 167, kayoed defending champion James J. Corbett, 183, in the 14th round in an Open-Air Arena in Carson City, Nevada. Styles played a part here, but "I took him light" was probably the major culprit. Fitzsimmons planned to work his way inside, and he eventually did. Corbett, who despised the English-born middleweight, knocked Fitz down in an early round, but was himself kayoed by a right to the solar plexus.

April 5, 1915—Jess Willard, 230, knocked out Jack Johnson, 205½, in 1:26 of the 26th round in a scheduled 45-round bout at the Oriental Race Track in Mariano, Cuba. One of the great unsolved mysteries of sports. Did Johnson, leading in the early rounds, "lay down" for Willard in the 26th? Most contemporary fight men thought so; films say otherwise. Johnson was caught by a bone crushing right to the jaw that flattened him for the full count. If it was not bribery, then it was age and lack of condition. Johnson, who weighed 195 at his fight peak, had been forced to flee the U.S. on a trumped up Mann Act charge. From Canada, he went to England, thence to France, Argentina, and, finally, Cuba, where the 6′6″ Willard knocked him out.

September 23, 1926—Gene Tunney, 189½, won a unanimous decision over defending champion Jack Dempsey, 190, at Sesquicentennial Stadium, Philadelphia, Pa. Tunny had built himself up from 175 on a milk diet. Dempsey had looked terrible in training after a three-year layoff. A series of law suits filed by his ex-manager, Jack Kearns, worried him, and whispered reports of someone tampering with his toilet water probably stemmed from a very real health problem. At any rate, Gene Tunney boxed his ears off. "Honey," Dempsey said to his then wife, Estelle Taylor, "I forgot to duck."

June 19, 1936—Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis in the 12th round of a scheduled 15-rounder in Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York. "I see something," Schmeling had told his manager, Joe Jacobs. He certainly did; Louis' stance was wrong, he was off balance, and he drop-

ped his left after he threw it. Jack Johnson had already seen this, and predicted that the first good man to cross a right over the Bomber's left would knock him out. Schmeling did just that. Blame a fatal flaw detected by the German. Blame inexperience. And blame a young fighter who trained on golf courses and women. "I thought I was hot shit," as Joe admitted to sports journalist Art Rust.

February 25, 1964—Cassius Clay, 210½, TKO'd Sonny Liston, 218, who failed to answer the bell for round seven of a scheduled 15 at Miami Beach Convention Hall. Age again—a very sudden aging and a quite suspicious fight. Record books said Liston was going on 32 years old; other sources, in St. Louis, said that he was over 40, and he looked it in this fight. Sonny retired in his corner after Cassius banged him around in round six. Reasons for the upset: age and . . . ???

February 15, 1978—Leon Spinks, 197¼, won the title with a split decision over Muhammad Ali, 224¼, at the Hilton Pavilion in Las Vegas. Age, age, and too many tough fights in the previous four years took their toll on the once great Muhammad Ali. Not to take too much away from Leon, but the fact is that anybody in the top 10 could have beaten Muhammad that night.

All of this confirms what I said at the start. Most of the great upsets in the heavyweight division came because the favorite was too far gone.

Then again, there was the fight in which old Jersey Joe bounced a left hook off Ezzard Charles' jaw. Maybe the exception is what proves the rule. □

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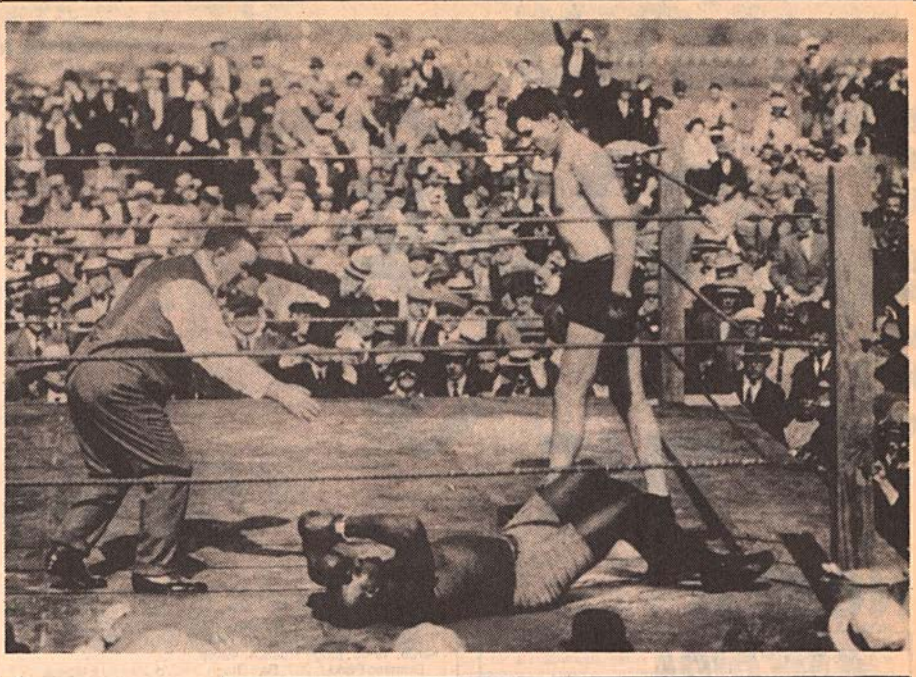
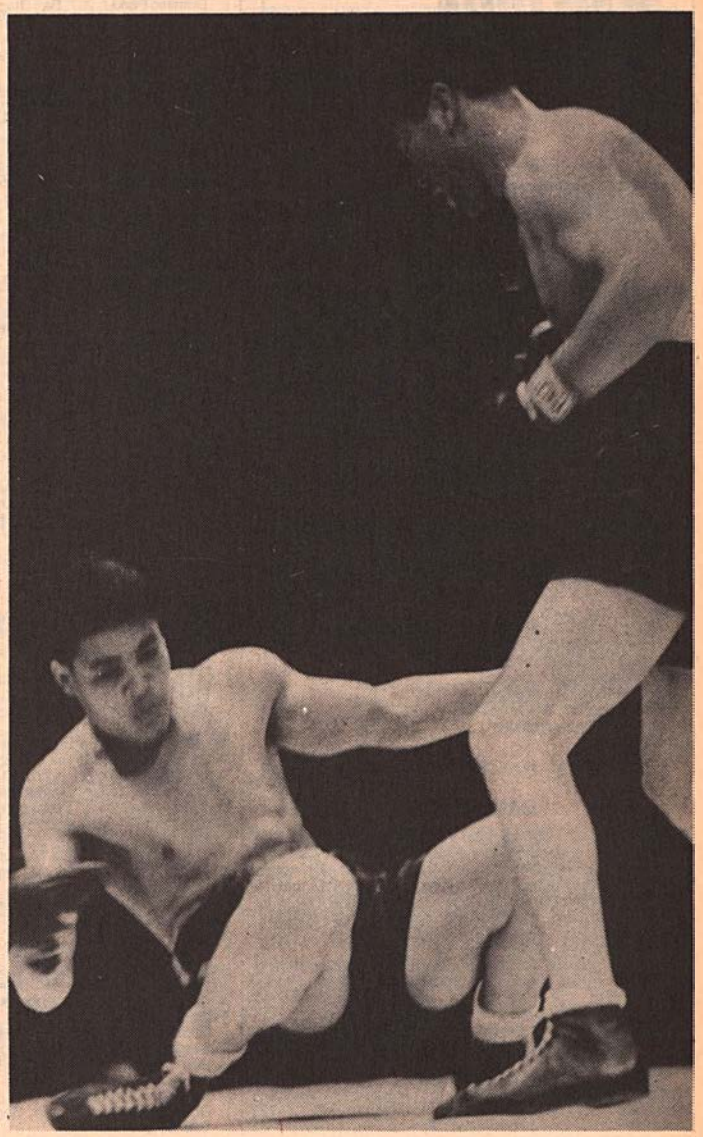


Above: Jess Willard stands over Jack Johnson at the end of their historic battle in Mariano, Cuba. Johnson was considered just about unbeatable at the time and many still feel that Jack "layed down" and allowed Willard to take the heavyweight crown. However,* Solid Goldman *thinks the result was legitimate.



Max Schmeling pulled a major upset when he knocked out Joe Louis in Yankee Stadium on June 19, 1936. Max had noticed how Joe always dropped his left after he threw the jab and took full advantage of Louis' flaw.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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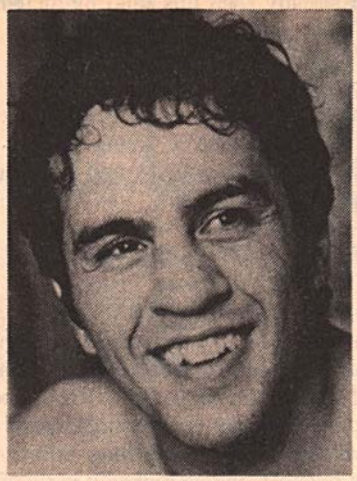

Bobby Chacon got off the floor to stop Art Frias in a savage battle of former world champions in Sacramento.

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

▶**PHOENIX—Pride Pavilion**—WBA bantamweight champion Richie Sandoval, 122½, Pomona, unanimously outpointed crafty veteran southpaw Jose Gallegos, 120½, Monterrey, Mexico, not losing a round in a non-title 10. Sandoval was not sharp and could never hurt the defensive former Mexican flyweight champion. Ron Meyers, referee.

Louie Espinosa, 128, Phoenix, impressively kayoed useful Felipe Olivar, 125½, Tijuana, referee Al Munoz counting out the import in 1:08 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. A short left hook to the body took all the fight out of Olivar. Espinosa is nearing world class.

Zack Padilla, 137, Azusa, floored and stopped mismatched Miguel Chamizo, 135, Phoenix, in 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled four. Meyers, referee.

Paul Banke, 124½, Azusa, pounded game Mike Perez, 129, Phoenix, to defeat in 0:21 of the third in their scheduled four. Meyers, referee.

Francisco Segura, 131, Coachella, made it four one-sided wins for the Tony Cerda stable. Trier Armando Dominguez was rescued by referee Munoz after a hard knockdown in 1:54 of the fourth and final round.

John Sale, 153, Tempe, kayoed poor Arturo Hernandez, 159, Phoenix, who was counted out by referee Meyers in 1:12 of the second round in their scheduled four.

C. D. Cole, ringside physician.
Sammy Munoz, timekeeper.
Edward Samora, ring announcer.
Lenny Wechsler, promoter.
(08-24-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Richard Aguirre, 146½, San Diego, won a 10-round majority decision by the narrowest possible margin over rated Mexican Jose Deando, also 146½, Aguas Calientes, in his toughest fight as a pro. Aguirre (12-0) took all but one of the first five rounds. Deanda (24-4) made it close by drawing Aguirre into some blistering exchanges in the final half. Scoring: referee Frank Rustich, 97-96; judge Hal Rickards, 97-96; judge Fritz Werner, 96-96.

Drafton Bunch, 155, San Diego, came from well behind starting with a fourth round knockout to unanimously outscore unlucky Cassius Horn, 152, Phoenix, six. Bunch scored a second knockdown when he pushed a slightly dazed Horn down in the fifth, yet when Horn floored Bunch in the third, the referee ruled it a slip. Scoring: referee Werner, 57-55; judge Rickards, 57-55; judge Rustich, 56-55.

Alberto Hernandez, 113, Tijuana, and crowd pleaser Tony Deluca, 112½, San Diego, fought to a fourth round technical draw in a scheduled six. Deluca, behind on all three cards, 29-28, because of a first round knockdown, was cut by an unintentional head butt. Rustich, referee.

Stewart Baynes, 140, Pasadena, unanimously upset outstanding amateur Jerry Grant, 139½, San Diego, in an excellent five. Baynes started slowly, but had Grant hurt and in trouble in every round from the third. Scoring: referee Werner, 48-47; judge Rickards, 49-46; judge Rustich, 49-46.

Dominic Parker, 237, San Diego, TKO'd Johnny Elacqua, 217, Las Vegas, at 1:47 of the third in a scheduled four between debuting heavyweights. Parker was dominating with his jab when a knockdown and simultaneous cut left eye finished Elacqua. Rustich, referee.

In a farcical scheduled four, Regis Johnson, 201, Phoenix, dove for the canvas in 1:34 of the first, making a winner of come-backing Pierre Marchand, 214, San Diego. Werner, referee.

Gabriel Ortiz, 135, San Diego, knocked out first timer Vicente Aguilar, 134½, Los Angeles, with a hook to the ribs in 1:06 of the first round in their scheduled four. Werner, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Fred Lewis, ring announcer.
(08-15-85)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Mario Martinez, 132, Guadalajara, maintained his world ranking with a unanimous decision over Rod Sequenan, 133, Manila, in a 10 that started well but never really lived up to expectations. Scoring: referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 99-92; judge Chuck Hassett, 97-94; judge Larry Rozadilla, 99-93.

Mexican welterweight champion Jorge Vaca, 148½, Guadalajara, was a shutout points winner over Tommy Richardson, 148, San Francisco. Richardson was there only to last the distance. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 126, Mexico City and Joe Hiyas, 125½, Manila, finished all even in a good 10. Scoring: referee Hassett, 97-94, Rodriguez; judge Rozadilla, 96-95, Hiyas; judge Jordan, 96-96.

Fernando Guzman, 129, Los Angeles, won a narrow but unanimous points verdict over Joe Cruz, 129, Los Angeles, five. Scoring: referee Jordan, 49-47; judge Hassett, 48-47; judge Rozadilla, 48-47.

Tony Paissan, 157½, kayoed Ondrade Williams, 159¼, Los Angeles, in 2:46 of the second in a scheduled four. Paissan was down in the first but recovered to knock Williams through the ropes in the second. Jen-Kin, referee.

Andre Smith, 130, Los Angeles, knocked down Arturo Vasquez, 130, Redondo Beach, three times for a stoppage win in 2:11 of the second round in their scheduled six. Hassett, referee.

Jim Gillio, promoter.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(08-15-85)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Unbeaten Derrick Kelly, 146½, Los Angeles, advanced to the semifinals of the Forum welterweight tournament with a unanimous 10-round decision over Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz, 145, Manhattan. Kelly hurt, but could never floor the game New Yorker. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 98-92; judge Dick Young, 98-92; judge Vince Delgado, 97-94.

Manning Galloway, 147, Columbus, gave away the first four rounds but rallied to win a 10-round split decision over Alphonso Long, 147, Los Angeles. In another welterweight elimination. Galloway, a very quick southpaw, beat an increasingly wild Long to the punch in the final six. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 98-92, Galloway; judge Filippo, 97-93, Galloway; judge Young, 97-93, Long.

Counter punching Brian Muller, 149½, Las Vegas, gave young puncher Ernest (Peanut) Curtis, also 149½, Los Angeles, a boxing lesson over 10 one-sided rounds. Once-beaten Muller capped a near flawless performance with a final round knockdown. Filippo, referee.

Gustavo Lopez, 129, Los Angeles, flattened Alex Galvan, 128, Bakersfield, in 1:53 of the second round in a scheduled six. Galvan was also down in the first in this rubber match of a three-fight series. Byrd, referee.

Jerry Buss, promoter.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
(08-20-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

▶**SACRAMENTO—Civic Auditorium**—Age may have caught up with former two-title world champ Bobby Chacon, but he still fights with a live-or-die fervor. For six rounds, Chacon swapped hundreds of punches with former WBA lightweight champion Arturo Frias. Then, two minutes into the seventh, Chacon delivered a barrage that sent Frias down and ended the bout to the roaring cheers of an SRO crowd.

The 34-year-old Chacon, 135½, was knocked down in the first round, but rose, undaunted, and went slugging with Frias, his former sparring partner. Bobby is now 56-7-1 with 45 knockouts. Frias, whose manager, Norm Kaplan, wants him to retire, is 29-5.

Scoring after six: referee Rudy Ortega and judge Joan Ortega, both 57-57; judge Bob Mitchell, 59-56, Chacon. Bobby, who received over $20,000, may now face Rafael Solis.

Tony Lopez, 132, Sacramento, knocked out Bobby de la Rosa, 134, Sacramento, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Loreto Garza, 139, halted Rene Hedman, 138, Los Angeles, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Gabriel Gutierrez, 123, Sacramento, iced Raul Corona, 124½, Oakland, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Royan Hammond, 159, Oakland, TKO'd Jimmy Johnson, 158, Sacramento, in the third frame of their scheduled four.

Promoter—Babe Griffin.
Attendance—4,439. Gross—$66,502.
(08-15-85)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Cocky Irleis Perez, 141, stopped very tough Paul Barton, 138½, Portland, in 1:20 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Perez, after 31 wins in 32 fights, with his only loss to current champ Hector (Macho) Camacho, claims he has shaken all physical problems and is ready to go after any lightweight title. Perez classily sidestepped Barton's haymakers to deliver punishing combinations in return and had won every round but the second when he floored Barton late in the fifth. Barton wouldn't quit, but a wide gash over his right eye gave referee Chuck Hassett a perfect reason to intervene in the next round.

Younger brother Tomas Perez, 156, Santa Ana, was also impressive in halting Clint Reymus, 158, Reno, in 0:53 of the third round in their scheduled 10. A busted nose and right eye injuries convinced ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca that Reymus, a full-blooded Paiute Indian, could not continue. Vince Delgado, referee.

Joe Ruelaz, 129, Placentia, stopped Jesus Lozano, 132, Los Angeles, in 2:22 of the second in a sloppy scheduled eight-round mismatch. Old timer Lozano was floored twice. Delgado, referee.

Unbeaten Avery Rawls, 209, Compton, TKO'd Mike Bardwell, 239, Sacramento, at 2:02 of the second in a scheduled six. Bardwell was down twice in the first, but a cut left eye finished him in the second. Hassett, referee.

Standup boxer Evelio Perez, 128, Anaheim, stepped up in class to draw with all-action brawler Gustano Lopez, 128, Los Angeles, in an excellent six. Scoring: referee Delgado, 57-57; Farrell, 57-55; Hassett, 59-55.

Terry Burton, 142, Oakland, lost the first round of his first pro fight but rallied to win a majority decision over less-skilled but willing Rodney Capps, 140, Redlands. Scoring: referee Delgado, 39-37; Hassett, 39-37; Farrell, 38-38.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(08-26-85)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Talented Michael Nunn, 162, Sherman Oaks, knocked out clowning Marcos Geraldo, 165, San Diego, with a left to the chin in 1:18 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Veteran Geraldo, who came only for a pay day, was also floored in the second. Robert Byrd, referee.

Curtis Baker, 143, Las Vegas, unanimously outpointed tough but limited last-minute substitute Francisco Armenta, 143, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Byrd, 60-54; judge Rudy Jordan, 58-56; judge Larry Rozadilla, 60-56.

Club favorite Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, won a very

close four-round majority decision over harder worker Juan Hernandez, 119, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-39; judge Rozadilla, 39-38; judge Byrd, 39-37.

Lamart Baker, 130, Las Vegas, won a majority decision over aggressive Gene Salazar, 130, Bakersfield, in aother extremely competitive four. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-38; judge Rozadilla, 39-39; judge Byrd, 39-37.

Much improved Al Mack, 145, San Diego, stopped debuting Larry Ponce, 147, La Puente, after two right hand knockdowns in 2:26 of the first round in their scheduled four. Jordan, referee.

Mike Lynch, 175, North Hollywood, stopped but could not floor game Mando Martinez, 175, Los Angeles, in 2:58 of the second round in their scheduled four. Debuting southpaw Lynch is the newest addition to the promoters' Ten Goose stable. Jordan, referee.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Victor French, Dan Goosen, promoters.
(08-27-85)

▶BAKERSFIELD—Kern County Fairgrounds—Nearly exhausted veteran Larry Frazier, 236, Las Vegas, came from behind to kayo Al Myles, 240, Los Angeles, with a long left hook, referee Lou Filippo counting out Myles at 2:27 of the seventh in a gruelling 10. Myles rallied to take a slight points lead after he was floored for nine in the closing seconds of the fifth.

Felipe Sanchez, 135, Los Angeles, halted awkward James Sowell, 136, Los Angeles, flooring him twice. Referee Marty Denkin intervened at 2:10 of the fourth round in the scheduled eight.

Emilio Barrera, 147, Commerce, won a clear unanimous decision over always tough Marcos Esquivel, 146¼, El Segundo, in a punishing five. Denkin, referee.

Leonard Rivers, 146, Bakersfield, knocked out Juan Carrera, 148, Los Angeles, in 2:14 of the first round in a scheduled four. Carrera was floored twice. Denkin, referee.

Thad Spencer, promoter.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
(08-27-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Mile—Stu Kaufman, a new promoter, formerly of New York, put together a card of up-and-coming youngsters and came up with a sellout.

Dexter Smith, 154, Homestead, TKO'd Billy Cunningham, 151¼, Miami, at 0:53 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Eddie Eckert, referee. Cunningham was floored five times.

Rogelio Bolanos, 182, Homestead, TKO'd Milton Owens, 195, Miami, who was unable to answer the bell for the fourth frame in their scheduled six. Owens was floored in the first and second rounds. Bill Connors, referee.

Pete Wabuda, 216, North Miami Beach, kayoed Mel Morgan, 211½, Ft. Lauderdale, in 1:51 of the third round in a scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee. Wabuda is now 2-0.

Arnold Neal, 160, Ft. Lauderdale, knocked out John Burney, 161, Miami, with a terrific right in 3:09 of the second round in their scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Wade Willis, 141½, Pompano Beach, kayoed Danny Martinez, 135, Miami, in 0:35 of the first round in their scheduled four. Bill Connors, referee.

John Goodwin, 159, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Charley James, 160, Hollywood, in 1:40 of the third round in their scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Ricky Fisler, 154, Hollywood, floored and stopped Rick Murray, 156, Opapka, in 1:37 of the second round in another scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee. Fisler, a former lifeguard, has a huge following.

Mark Brawood, 142, Hollandale, looked good stopping Darrell Griffin, 141, Opapka, at 0:41 of the second round in still another scheduled four. Bill Connors, referee.

Keith Cameron, 130, Opapka, halted Tony Richardson, 124, Hollywood, with three knockdowns in 1:32 of the second in yet another scheduled four.

Judges—Mark Conn, Harry Brenner, Rick Beys.
Ring Announcer—Alan Toor.
Cavo Promotions.
Matchmaker—Marty Goldstein.
Attendance—850.
(09-13-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▶HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Arena—Mark Fernandez, 131, Commerce, Colorado, won an upset unanimous decision over Rod Sequenan, 131¾, Philippines, 10. Herbert Minn, referee. Scoring: Chuck Williams and Tamotsu Tomihara, both 96-95; Abraham Pacheco, 96-94. Fernandez, who put on a boxing clinic, is now 15-1-1. Sequenan is 40-9-3.

Jesus Salud, 118, Waianae, TKO'd Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 117½, Los Angeles, at 1:40 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Salud is now 17-0. Ramirez, a former world contender who should quit, is 32-6.

Paul Lucas, 124, Mililani, TKO'd Juan Carlos Hernandez, also 124, Los Angeles, at 1:10 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Lucas, now 9-0, opened cuts around Hernandez's eyes in a fifth round exchange, forcing the stoppage. Hernandez is now 10-4-1.

Joe Hiyas, 119½, Philippines, won a majority (77-76, 77-75, 77-77) decision over Darrell Thigpen, 118¾, eight. Hiyas is now 21-9-9. Thigpen is 9-2.

Kenneth Torres, 139½, Nanakuli, TKO'd debuting Pedring Teodoro, 136¼, Wahiawa, at 1:42 of the first round in a scheduled four. Torres is now 2-0.

John de los Reyes, 139, Honolulu, TKO'd Anthony Kim, 138, Honolulu, at 2:47 of the third round in their scheduled four. De los Reyes is now 3-1. Kim is 0-3.

Referees—Herbert Minn, Eiichi Jumawan, Milton Higa.
Timekeepers—Clarence Senarighi, Richard Anguay.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Herbert Nam, Dr. Robert Maehara.
Pacific International Promotions, Inc.
Attendance—2,859. Gross—$32,826.
(07-23-85)

LOUISIANA

▶METAIRIE—Landmark Hotel—Tim Broady climbed off the deck to knock out Jerome Clouden in a second round war between light heavies in the main event.

Clouden decked Broady with a right uppercut. Broady rose and went toe-to-toe until Clouden rocked him against the ropes. Broady bounced off and knocked Clouden down with a right hand. Clouden got up, and it was toe-to-toe again until a Broady right sent Jerome down for the full count. Terrific fight. Broady is now 18-4-1. Clouden is 20-5.

Former Olympic trials winner Tim Raybon, 147, went to 6-0 by knocking out game Anthony Bryant of Nashville with a right hand counterpunch in 1:31 of the second round in a scheduled six. Raybon has won all his fights by knockout.

John (Super D) Duplessis of New Orleans knocked out Victor McCray, Dallas, in the second. Super D is now 13-0.

Richard Ismael, 125, Brunswick, N.J., TKO'd Herbie Bivalacqua, also 125, Marrero, La., in the fourth round. Quite an upset.

Kenny Vice, 131½, Lafayette, won a unanimous decision over Troy Townsend, 134, Chicago, eight.

Billy Fleetwood, 148, St. Bernard, La., kayoed Ronald Paige, 143, Marrero, La., in the second.

John Clouden, 131, Jerome's younger brother, made his pro debut with a split decision over Jerome Brooks, 128½, New Orleans, in the four-round opener.
(07-30-85)

MAINE

▶OLD ORCHARD BEACH—The Ball Park—Promoter-matchmaker John Gagliardi's Labor Day weekend card at The Ball Park, home of the minor league Maine Guides, had to be shifted from Friday to Saturday night because of torrential rains, and then damp weather all day Saturday reduced the eventual crowd to a few hardy souls. This was doubly unfortunate, for, not only did the gate receipts add up to "a disaster," according to Gagliardi, but the program was lively and competitive.

Boston middleweight Vinnie Curto, fresh from a decision loss to Chong-Pal Park in a bid for the IBF super middleweight title in Seoul, Korea, TKO'd Springfield, Mass. veteran Miguel Rosa in the 10th and final round.

Boston's Mark Mainero used body punches to stop Waterville, Maine middleweight Don Bickford in six torrid frames of their scheduled 10. Mainero is now 25-6.

Four-rounders: Middleweight Doug Ware, Beverly, Mass., came off the canvas in round one to outpoint Lowell's Jose Pagan Rivera. Junior lightweight David Rivella, North Attleboro, Mass., outscored Mike Torres, Ponce, P.R. Heavyweight Gary Gibbs, Providence, R.I., won a split decision over Lowell's Hect or Mercedes. Cambridge, Mass. heavyweight Jack DiBenedetto halted Springfield's Linwood Ledger in round three.

Attendance—200 (estimated).
(08-31-85)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶DETROIT—Cobo Hall—Freddie (Pebbles) Jackson, 118, Houston, Texas, won the USBA bantamweight title with a hard fought split decision over defending champion Hurley Snead, 12.

The 5'3" Jackson and the 5'2" Snead went toe-to-toe in an exciting seventh round that earned both men a standing ovation. Jackson, who appeared to be tiring, went down in the ninth session from two left hooks. The final scoring was as follows: Harold Lederman and John Stewart, both 114-113, Jackson; Frank Garza, a too wide 118-110, Snead. Bobby Watson, referee.

Tyrone (Butterfly) Trice, 143, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over rugged Tyrone Moore, 141¾, Louisville, 10. Scoring: Lederman, 97-93; Stewart, 99-92; Chip Acey, 99-91. A good fight, and much closer than the cards would indicate. Trice, now 17-1, just edged Moore out in every round. The loser isnow 23-5.

Johnny de la Rosa, 130½, originally from the Dominican Republic, made his first appearance as a member of the Kronk Team with a unanimous decision over Jose (Speedy) Gonzales, 135, Virginia Beach, eight. Scoring: Randy Ericson, 78-74; Frank Garza, 79-73; Chip Acey, 78-74. De la Rosa is now 26-2.

Phillip Morefield, 161, Detroit, went to 5-0 (four knockouts) with a unanimous decision over Tasand Jewell, 161, Detroit, four. Jewell isnow 1-1.

Andre McCall, 150½, Houston, made it 3-0 with a TKO over Mike Gamble, 155¼, Detroit, at 2:24 of round four. Newspaper accounts mistakenly identified Gamble as the winner.

Mark Stevens, 156½, Detroit, went to 3-1 with a TKO over Pat Lyons, 150, St. Mary's, Pa., at 0:58 of the first round. Lyons was floored with right hands.

Cedric Dodson, 131½, Warren, Ohio, won a majority decision over Ricky West, 127½, Lorraine, Ohio, in the six-round opener. Scoring: Acey and Ericson, both 58-56; Garza, 57-57.

Prelim referees—Hugh Smither, Marv McDonald.
Timekeeper—William Hunter, Sr.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
Gold Circle Promotions.
Matchmaker—Dutch Patberg.
Attendance—2,065.
(09-12-85)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l—A hastily-arranged card for ESPN proved to be as entertaining as it was impromptu. In the top bout, Greg Haugen, 140, Auburn, Wash., won a unanimous verdict over lefty Jeff Bumpus, 139¾, Elkhart, Ind., eight. The two short-armed sluggers mixed it up in sizzling action throughout, with Haugen's more educated combination punching prevailing over the crude but earnest Bumpus. Jeff had to be saved from a possible TKO by vaunted cutman Eddie Aliano. Tony Perez refereed.

J.L. Ivey, 131, Detroit, won the narrowest of split decisions over Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan, 131, St. Louis, in a fine eight. Contrasted with the Haugen-Bumpus slugfest, these two boxed, parried, and countered skilfully,, with Yogi hhaving the slightly heavier hands, but having to constantly find his way through a blizzard of leather from the rapid-fire Ivey. William Kostrub voted for the loser 5-3, but Joe Pasquale had it 4-2-2, and Lawrence Wallace 6-2, for J.L. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Unpredictable Anthony English, 127½, Camden, surprised Derrick McGuire, 131, Ann Arbor, Mich., for a TKO at just 1:26 of the first round in a scheduled eight. English exploded out of his corner, flooring the still-cold McGuire with a sharp left hook at the very start, then applying relentless pressure for two more knockdowns until ref Perez called a halt.

Victor Claudio, 160¼,. San Juan, got more than he wanted in taking a unanimous verdict over David Barrow, 158¼, Philadelphia, in an all-action six. Victor was rocked in the second, got loose to come back and stagger Barrow, then took command until hurt again in the fifth. Tony Perez, referee.

Possibly the best bout of the night closed the show, as David Bollentino, 140¾, Camden, outslugged David Attardo, 140, Boston, for a unanimous win in a wild shootout, four. Bolletino took everything Attardo could throw in the first, then came on to drop him and score a standing eight in the second, but had to survive a desperate rally by the loser in the final round. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Attendance—600 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
(07-17-85)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino—Two real sleepers, who have come into their own since moving to the Jersey area from other environs, got a chance to star in a rearranged main event. Too bad the peculiar outcome cast a shadow over a solid performance by the winner. Curtis Summit, 149, Joliet, Ill., via Fayetteville, NC, ended up with a technical win over Felipe Montellano, 149½, Bakersfield via Jersey City, after six rounds of a scheduled 10. The somewhat better schooled Montellano took command early, but was soon being overwhelmed by the irresistable force of the sturdy Summit. When Felipe suffered a badly gashed right eye in the fourth, his effort floundered. Despite a concerted attempt to save himself in the action-packed sixth, Montellano was unable to continue into the seventh. Referee Rudy Battle ruled the cut caused by an unintentional butt, so the verdict was rendered on the scoring. John Stewart had it 4-2, Ray Hoagland 3-2-1, and Thomas Kaczmarek 3-3 (but points 28-27), all for Summit.

Richard Burton, 162, Bronx, showed tremendous punching power in leveling hapless Eddie Hall, 160¼, Uniontown, Pa., via Cleveland. Hall was blasted down twice by right hand bombs for a TKO at 2;40 of the second in a scheduled eight. Paul Venti refereed.

Shifty Matthew Jefferson, 131¾, Bronx, was lucky to get a unanimous win over stubborn Bennie Torres, 130, Danbury, Conn., in a see-saw six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Bullish Vince Tiberi, 184, New Castle, Del., pounded a reluctant David Overton, 178½, Erie, for a unanimous win, four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Dave Tiberi, 165¼, New Castle, dropped southpaw Mike Jefferson, 160, Bronx, with a nifty portside left in the second, the held out for a unanimous win in a lively four. Paul Venti, referee.

Jesse Lanton, 161¾, Haverstraw, New York, took apart Bo Latimer, 164, Trenton, stopping him on his feet at 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled four. Paul Venti, referee.

Attendance—600 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie & Jeff Levine (HBA EASt).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
(07-24-85)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino—Like "Pauline" tied to the tracks, Murray Sutherland found out you can't use subtlety on a freight train. That's about what happened when Murray, 169¾, Bay City, Mich., got clobbered by Bobby Czyz, 169¾, Wanaque, N.J., in a bout that was originally a defense of Sutherland's USBA super middle crown, then got mysteriously cut to 10 when neither was able to make the (168-pound) weight. Though the veteran Sutherland is known for his effective use of "treachery," he never got the chance against Bobby's straight-forward, but highly efficient, attack. Moving behind a battering jab, Czyz sent thudding rights to Murray's ribs that made the Scot wince, and kept his dangerous left uppercut pinned protectively to his side. Sutherland was reduced to sneaky counters, but even here, Czyz was generally able to shake off his best and finish the exchanges. The action was surprisingly good for a seemingly one-sided contest: William Kostrub and Milo Savage voted 9-1, Phil Newman 7-2-1. Larry Hazzard refereed. The loser begged off with a stomach virus early in the week. A rematch is in order. "If Southerland was 100%, he'd have beat Czyz."

UNITED STATES RATINGS
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As of October 1, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
2. Greg Page (Kentucky)
3. Carl Williams (New York)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
6. Mike Weaver (California)
7. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
8. David Bey (Pennslyvania)
9. James Broad (New Jersey)
10. Eddie Gregg (New York)
11. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
12. James Smith (North Carolina)
13. Jeff Sims (Florida)
14. Mitchell Green (New York)
15. Donnie Long (Ohio)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (New Jersey)
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (California)
3. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
4. Carolos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
5. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
8. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
9. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
10. Henry Hearns (California)
11. Mark Lee (Nevada)
12. S.T. Gordon (California)
13. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
14. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
15. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
4. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
5. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
6. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
7. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
8. David Sears (New York)
9. Eddie Davis (New York)
10. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
11. Clarence Osby (Wisconsin)
12. Mike Sedillo (California)
13. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
14. Grover Robinson (California)
15. James Salerno (Florida)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
3. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
4. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
5. Ricky Stackhouse (Georgia)
6. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
7. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
8. Charles Carter (Washington)
9. Leroy Hester (Florida)
10. Frank Minton (Indiana)
11. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
12. Ken Styles (New York)
13. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
14. Jay Strickland (Texas)
15. Dale Jackson (Illinois)

MIDDLWEIGHTS
Champion
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
4. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
5. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
8. Don Lee (Indiana)
9. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
10. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
11. Iran Barkley (New York)
12. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
13. Doug DeWitt (New York)
14. Dwight Walker (Pennsylvania)
15. Bernard Mays (Michigan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. Ken Shannon (Virginia)
4. David Braxton (Michigan)
5. Mark Medal (New York)
6. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Troy Darrell (New York)
9. Fred Hutchings (California)
10. Mark McPherson (New Jersey)
11. James Green (New Jersey)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
14. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
15. Benito Fernandez (South Carolina)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Simon Brown (D.C.)
3. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
4. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
5. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
6. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
7. Pedro Vilella (New York)
8. Roman George (Louisiana)
9. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
10. Derrick Kelly (California)
11. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
12. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
13. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
14. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
15. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
3. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
4. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
5. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
6. Bill Costello (New York)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
9. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
10. Frankie Warren (Texas)
11. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
12. John Meekins (New York)
13. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
14. Harvey Hester (Florida)
15. Brian Brunett (Minnesota)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
1. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
2. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
3. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
4. Terrence Alli (New York)
5. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
6. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Robin Blake (Texas)
9. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
10. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
11. Adolfo Medal (Florida)
12. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
13. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
14. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
15. John Montes (California)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
1. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
5. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
8. Anthony English (New Jersey)
9. Darrell Savoy (Louisiana)
10. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
11. Adrian Arreola (California)
12. Erskine Wade Costic (Michigan)
13. Raphe Sims (Texas)
14. Ruben Castillo (California)
15. Steve Cruz (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
2. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
3. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
4. Irving Mitchell (California)
5. Lupe Suarez (California)
6. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
7. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
8. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
9. Juan LaPorte (New York)
10. Refugio Rojas (California)
11. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
12. Dana Roston (Nevada)
13. Lenny Valdez (California)
14. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
15. Rocky Garcia (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Mike Ayala (Texas)
7. Frankie Duarte (California)
8. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
9. Jorge Ramirez (California)
10. Oscar Muniz (California)
11. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
12. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
13. Andres Tena (New York)
14. Earnie Johnson (California)
15. Paulie Ayala (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Sam David (New Jersey)
6. Harold Petty (Texas)
7. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
8. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
9. James Pipps (Texas)
10. Richard Varela (California)
11. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. James Manning (Oregon)
14. Ruben Solario (California)
15. Osvaldo Acevedo (Florida)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
2. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
3. Ian Clyde (California)
4. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
7. Mario Savala (California)
8. Robert Robinson (Pennsylvania)
9. Troy Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
10. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
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Orlando Canizales, 116, Houston, showed a solid, two-fisted attack, and much better finishing ability than his vaunted brother, in stopping Manuel Gago, 117, New York, at 1:04 of the second in a scheduled six. The game Gago was dropped at the end of the first, then battered mercilessly until ref Steve Smoger rescued him.

Billy Barnes, 151¾, Bethlehem, Pa., rattled James Morgan, 150¼, Paterson, in the fourth, but appeared to be losing until he dropped Morgan in the final round, to pull out a close but unanimous verdict, six. Steve Smoger, ref.

Cortez Mobley, 155½, Coatesville, Pa., took a unanimous win from lefty Walter Houston, 153¼, Brooklyn, in a poorly-fought four. Smoger, referee.

Cornell Sims, 154½, Elizabeth, silenced out-of-shape southpaw Mike (Ring Your) Bell, 156, Hartford, who tired after a fast start, then dropped three times under a body attack for a TKO at 2:22 of the second in their scheduled four. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Attendance—SRO, 1400 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.

(07-26-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—What appeared an almost criminal mis-match, of a 22-bout veteran against a prelim kid, actually figured the other way around going in. After losses to Crawley, Blake, and Bramble, and a struggling win in the ESPN lightweight tournament preliminary round, Edwin Curet was thought by insiders to be finished. On the other hand, Edward (Watusi) DeJesuus had impressed in his previous tournament bout, and was favored to take their semi-final round. But Curet, 134, Brockton, who seems rejuvenated by the tourney, proved experience superior to native talent in spanking the upstart DeJesus, 136, Camden, for a unanimous win, 10. The solid socking DeJesus had planned to "take it to" the stylish but light-hitting Curet. Instead, he ended up following Edwin lamely around the ring, getting outboxed — and then was outpunched as well when he managed to force Curet into exchanges. Watusi was dropped twice and nearly gone in the third then sent staggering to his corner after the fourth. But the kid wouldn't give up, and finally got to Curet with a right in the final round. Edwin used his wiles to ride it out, and won by scores of 5-4-1 from Richard F. Murry, 8-1-1 from Thomas Kaczmarek, and 8-2 from Frank Brunette. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Rickey Womack, 177, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Dawud Shaw, 177, Chester, in a lackluster six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Popular Henry Milligan made his casino debut after the Pennsy club circuit, and won a thriller. Milligan, 186, Wilmington, packed the house with fans, then TKO'd Felix "The Cat" Shorter, 203¾, Elkhart, Ind., at 2:12 of the second in a scheduled six. Shorter was down in the first and draped on the ropes when ref Joe Cortez halted it.

Ricky West, 128, Lorain, Ohio, got a deserved split verdict over Doug Pettiford, 123½, Wilmington, in a good close four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mark Stevens, 160¼, Detroit, destroyed helpless Mark Norge, 159¾, Pittsburgh, with knockdowns in each round for a TKO at 1:12 of the second in a scheduled four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Attendance—SRO, 1000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

(08-01-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino** —Anthony Witherspoon, 179½, Philadelphia, edged out a split verdict over James Salerno, 179, Tampa, in a 10 that could arguably have gone either way. In a classic case of subjective scoring, how one viewed the contrasting styles had more to do with the outcome than the actual combat. Each fighter did his own thing, with little to choose between them. The lanky Southerner, noted for a big mouth but safety-first method, warned when the two rubbed shoulders at the weigh-in, "That's the last time you'll touch me all night." Running and flicking only well-planned punchhes, James made the flat-footed Witherspoon appear mired in cement. With Salerno's light taps insufficient to worry him into action, Anthony wasted time setting up, throwing only infrequent shots that, while harder, didn't really hurt the fleet Floridian.

After six tedious rounds, Salerno's courage seemed to mount, and he employed an in-and-out style that managed to embarrass Anthony with sucker rights in the seventh and eighth. Witherspoon, now visibly worried, finally stopped trying to be cute, and mounted an all-out stretch run on muscle alone, to just nip his rival at the finish line. Judge Frank Cairo voted 6-4 Salerno, but Joe Pasquale had it 5-4-1, and William Kostrub 6-4, for Anthony. The fighters' explanations provided more interest than the bout. "You've got to punch to win in this game," said the one who did. "He was trying to steal this fight with that pitty-pat style of his . . . But you've got to show the judges you want to fight." Countered Salerno, "I know he was aggressive, but you have to be effective. I was outpunching him two to one. He might have been coming forward, but he wasn't landing anything." Rudy Battle refereed.

Darkhhorse Charles Williams, 173½, Grand Rapids via Philadelphia, impressed, blasting tough Arthur Hall, 177, Irvington, out cold at 2:32 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Randy Neumann, referee.

Kelvin Seabrooks, 121½, Charlotte, N.C., handed a savage beating to in-over-his-head kid Fred Reed Hall, 121½, Brooklyn, who was dropped twice and unable to continue after the second in a scheduled eight. Manager Paul Privatera should be excoriated for this. Rudy Battle, referee.

Returning oldie Pat Hallacy, 150, Wichita via Cleveland (now with Richie Giachetti), showed little pounding out a unanimous win over a grining punching bag, jose Angel Rosa, 150, Holyoke, six. Battle, referee.

Promising Pedro (The Beastmaster) Garcia, 132, Cataño, P.R., dropped a taunting Ed Petty, 128½, Cleveland, in the second, then knocked him cold in 2:21 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Randy Neuman, referee.

William Scott, 140½, Brooklyn, dropped and TKO'd Mike Vega, 139½, Allentown, at 0:57 of the second in a scheduled four. Randy Neuman, referee.

Attendance—600 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino-Hotel**—John Mugabi debuted as a middleweight in a bout that served no purpose other than to provide press agents with a chance to ballyhoo John's upcoming megabout with Hagler. Not willing to risk anything, the promoter brought in no more han a designated victim, Bill Bradley, to oppose. Bradley's career had started with promise, then took a downturn when he hit solid 10-round competition. The only way Mugabi could ha ve impressed was top get him out of there clean, in no more than two rounds. He didn't. "They must think I'm some kind of pigeon, like I'm going to just stand there and get bowled over," said Bradley, 158½, Middletown, Ohio. "If I came to lose, I would have stayed home.m

But while he had advertised a fight plan of movement, the underdog ended up merely trying to shake off "The Beast's" best shots. He could have headed straight for the canvas, but instead, put up a game effort. Looking sluggish at 161, Mugabi relentlessly drubbed Bradley with lunging, off-balance war clubs, the kind of punches that make fans groan instead of gasp. Among the critics were Pat and Goodie Petronelli, who were there with some undercard fighters. After four rounds of unpleasing brutality, in which the loser was too busy surviving to mount much of an offense, yet was never in really serious trouble, referee Larry Hazzard stopped the scheduled 10.

"I was a little worried going in," Bradley confessed. "I thought, 'If he hits me, I'm gone.' But after a couple rounds, I realized if I could take it to the late rounds, he'd start losing power, and I could come on. I knew they'd never give it to me, but I though I'd at least make it interesting. I'm going to keep trying until I come through on one of these breaks."

Cedrick Parsons, 194, Halifax, Nova Scotia, via Brockton, surprised, coming on late to edge hard-luck Jeff Lampkin, 184¼, Youngstown, by split decision, in a good eight. Tony Orlando refered.

Lefty Ned Simmons, 127, Toronto, befuddled Orlando Perez, 126, Loisa, P.R., with movement and a tricky style, to gain a majority verdict in another good eight. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Improving Victor Claudio, 159¼, San Juan, closed the right eye of Hector Rosario, 167¾, Bronx, to score a TKO after four rounds of a scheduled six. Orlando, referee.

Mike O'Han, 158¼, Brockton, absorbed some good shots, but always roared back, to edge Kenny Reese, 149½, Phila., by close unanimous decision in a wild-swinging crowd-pleaser, six. Orlando, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakerk—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—SRO, 1200 (est.).
Judges—Frank Brunette, Lawrence Wallace, John Stewart.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(08-06-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—This time, the best man didn't win. Juan Ramon Santana, 140½, Camden, shaded Bruce Williams, 138, Palmyra, N.J., for the ESPN Eastern junior welter crown, in an exciting, dramatic battle that took 11 rounds to decide. Overall, the slick Williams appeared the better fighter. His countering and fighting off the rops hinted of a mastery not often seen anymore. But after getting outboxed in the early rounds, the stronger Santana, down from welter, took the action inside, forcing Bruce to fight his fight. Though Williams was frequently able to outsharp him in torrid infighting, Santana managed to muscle his way back into the fight on sheer fury.

The pivotal ninth saw Williams meeting Santana's attack with solid counters early. The Ramon pinned him on the ropes in a savage exchange, jolting Bruce with a right and left hook. Williams was able to fire back, and Santana seemed shaken on returning to his corner; but the big rally had stolen him the round. A wearly Williams was unable to hold off a fired-up Santana in a blazing 10. Judge Richh Strange scored it 5-4-1, Williams; Phil Newman had it 5-5; and Richard F. Murry carded a questionable 6-3-1, Santana. A tie-breaking eleventh had to be fought, to decide who would advance to the tournament final. The Puerto Rican again outblazed Williams at the start, then trapped him in a corner, and, though Bruce actually seemed to outpunch him at the close, Santana's sheer aggression proved too much. Murry called the round even, but the others both scored for Juan Ramon. Joe Cortez refereed.

Sensational John Meekins, 141, New York, took out tough veteran Sammy Young, 139, Troy, N.Y., with relative ease at 0:53 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Meekins bided his time, then unloaded a thunderous right that left Young for dead, propped up by the bottom rope. The game underdog made a miracle lunge to his feet at the last second, with hesitant ref Ted Pick not stopping the bout when he could have, and then halting it shortly after. Young had begun to recover, which drew boos from the crowd and a protest for Sammy.

Mike Tyson, 213½, Catskill, N.Y., completely routed Lorrenzo Canady, 203½, Detroit, scoring a knockdown and TKO at 1:05 of the first round in a scheduled six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Less than impressive, Steve McCrory, 120, Detroit, boxed his way to a close but unanimous decision over free-swinging but thoroughly unschooled Luigi Camputaro, 118¼, Caserta, Italy, via Southington, Conn., in an action six. Ted Pick, referee.

Wade Willis, 140, Ft. Lauderdale, needed a penalty from referee Cortez to eke out a majority verdict over foul-crazed Terry Young, 142, New York, in a dirty brawl, four.

Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

(08-15-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Harold Petty, 122, St. Louis, scored a unanimous win over Kelvin Seabrooks, 120¼, Charlotte, N.C., 12, in a bout for still another spurious "title." They're becoming so numerous, it's getting ridiculous trying to list them all. But, for what it's worth, this one was for the vacant WBC "Continental Americas" junior featherweight crown. The bout, however, proved as genuine as the title is ersatz. Trying to regroup after a split with manager Dave Gorman, Petty signed with east coaster Mike Garnick after losing to another of Mike's fighters, Greg Richardson. The hard luck Seabrooks fights almost nothing but contenders, and gives them all fits.

For the first few rounds, Petty looked to outclass his opponent. Fighting out of Ali's "mirage" defense, the fireplug southpaw offered himself up to the attacking Seabrooks, then skillfully blocked Kelvin's punches with a tight defense while countering with short, crisp hooks. But the Carolinian never loses without a fight. He began to open Harold's defense by going underneath, and in the fourth, a booming right uppercut sent an attacking Petty reeling backwards and nearly down. Through the middle rounds, it was a dogfight. Harold got a scare when, covered in blood from a slashed lip, the doctor checked him after the seventh. But Petty took charge down the stretch, showing brilliant defense to slip, counter, and win most of the crackling exchanges. The scoring made it sound easier than it really was: Ray Hoagland, 116-112; Charlie Spina, 117-112; Milo Savage, 115-114, Larry Hazzard refereed.

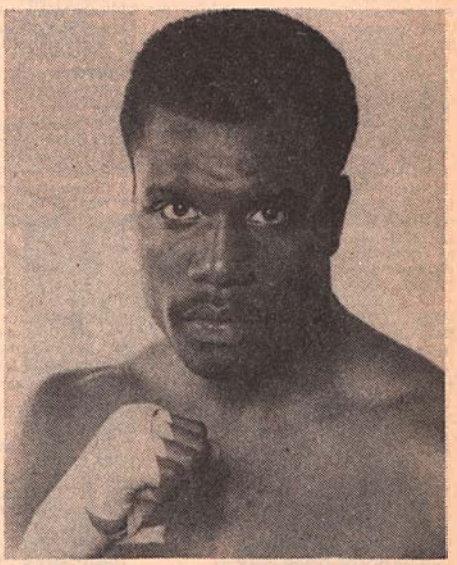
Steve Sheeran, 161¾, Upper Darby, Pa., started strong, and dropped Greg Haley, 162, Mont Clare, Pa., in the first. But Haley made a gallant stand and finished in a rush, only the knockdown providing the margin of victory for Sheeran by unanimous decision, six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Chris Bajor, 141½, Philadelphia, battered a totally shot Pete Podgorski, 147½, Chicago, for a unanimous win in an unpleasant four. Larry Hazzard, referee.

John Fornara, 160½, Southampton, Pa., used his head for a third fist, and then threw a right haymaker to drop and TKO Wilfred (Wolfman) Faria, 155¾, South River, N.J., at 0:29 of the second round in a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1500 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-20-85)



Gary Hinton managed to hang on to his junior welterweight belt with a hard-fought draw against Joe Manley.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—A thoroughly unpromising contest on paper surprised with an action-packed, dramatic dogfight. Gary Hinton, 139½, Philadelphia, retained his USBA junior welterweight crown with a draw against Joe Louis Manley, 139½, now Detroit, 12. The awkwardly cute southpaw champion looked like he'd be outclassed by the smoother Manley as the bout got off to a slow start. But in the fourth, Hinton followed trainer "Too-chie" Gordon's advice and did what he had to do. Stepping up a gear, the champion bulled inside ith a rugged attack to neutralize Manley's boxing and turn the bout into a pier-sixer. The challenger at times countered with brilliance—at other times seemed fading under pressure—as the action seesawed through the middle rounds. Manley nearly put it all together in the ninth, when a quick, sneak right wobbled the champion, and forced him to run out the round.

Manley put all he had into fiery trading in the 10th, but it was Hinton who won the battle. With frailty a recurring factor in his career, Joe seemed spent in the last two, as Gary hammered

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Carl Williams (New York)
2. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
3. Mike Weaver (California)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. Greg Page (Kentucky)
6. Eddie Gregg (New York)
7. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
8. David Bey (Pennslyvania)
9. Jeff Sims (Florida)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
12. Larry Alexander (New York)
13. Mitchell Green (New York)
14. Kip Kane (Ohio)
15. James Smith (North Carolina)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
USBA Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Anthony Davis (California)
3. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
4. Henry Hearns (California)
5. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
8. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
9. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
12. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
13. Tim Thomas (California)
14. Cedric Parsons (California)
15. Pablo Pizzaro (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
3. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
8. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
9. Robert Folley (Arizona)
10. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
11. David Sears (New York)
12. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
13. Freddie Guzman (Texas)
14. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
15. Keith Vining (Michigan)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
5. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
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USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
9. Mardo Roybal (California)
10. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
11. Davey Moore (New York)
12. Julien Jackson (Florida)
13. Thomas Smith (Texas)
14. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
15. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. David Hilton (Quebec)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Daryl Anthony (Missouri)
7. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
8. Donny Poole (Ontario)
9. Robert Rucker (New York)
10. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
11. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
12. Herman Montes (California)
13. Diomedes Colome (California)
14. Eric Martin (California)
15. Pedro Vilella (New York)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
4. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
5. Bill Costello (New York)
6. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
7. Andy Nance (California)
8. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
9. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
10. Saoul Mamby (New York)
11. Othal Dixon (Texas)
12. Mitchell Julien (California)
13. Ricky Young (New York)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. Harold Brazier (Indiana)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Vacant
USBA Championship
Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Cubanito Perez (California)
4. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
5. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Ontario)
7. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
8. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
9. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
10. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
11. John Montes (California)
12. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
13. Terrence Alli (New Jersey)
14. Robin Blake (Texas)
15. Manuel Hernandez (California)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
USBA Champion
Roger Mayweather (Michigan)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Bobbie Chacon (California)
4. Raphe Sims (Texas)
5. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
6. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
7. Ruben Castillo (California)
8. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
9. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
10. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
11. Greg Haugen (Washington)
12. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
13. J. L. Ivey (Michigan)
14. Darnell Savoy (Louisiana)
15. Erskine Wade (Michigan)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
USBA Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
3. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
4. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Refugio Rojas (California)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
9. Dana Roston (Nevada)
10. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
11. Irving Mitchell (California)
12. Steve Cruz (Texas)
13. Roger Aravelo (Mexico)
14. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
15. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
USBA Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
4. Luis Espinoza (Mexico)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
7. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Calif.)
8. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
9. Hector Cortez (New York)
10. Andres Tena (New York)
11. Pascual Arranda (Texas)
12. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
13. Carlos Flores (Texas)
14. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
15. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
USBA Champion
Freddie Jackson (Texas)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Gilbert Roman (Mexico)
4. James Pipps (Texas)
5. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
6. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
7. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
8. Harold Petty (Texas)
9. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
10. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
11. James Manning (Oregon)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Rigoberto Estrada (Mexico)
14. Efrain Pintor (Mexico)
15. Raul Perez (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
USBA Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
7. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
8. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
9. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
10. David Reyes (Mexico)
11. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
12. Joel Mesa (Mexico)
13. Felix Castillo (Texas)
14. Jimmy Hernandez (Mexico)
15. Javier Guerrero (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. German Torres (Mexico)
5. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
8. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
9. Babe Luis (Mexico)
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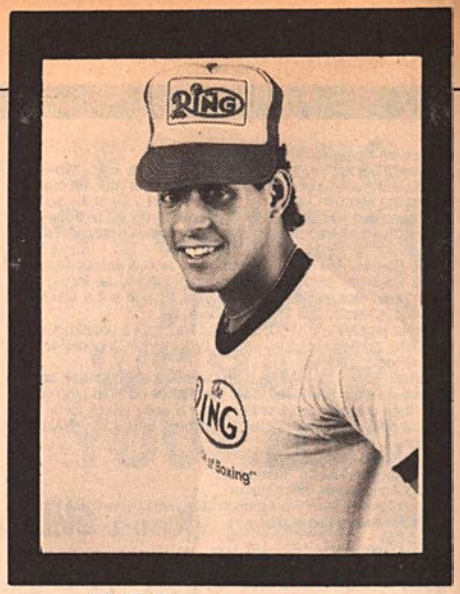

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him to what appeared to most ringsiders a narrow win. But the judges seemed to blow their responsibility this time. Frank Brunette had it 115-114, Manley; Lawrence Wallace appeared correct at 115-114, Hinton; Al DeVito had it 114-114. Manley stormed around the ring at length before being calmed, but at the press meeting, the roles were reversed. Joe stated matter-of-factly, "He threw a lot more punches, but I blocked them all with my arms, and you can't win that way." Hinton fumed, "They tried to steal it from me. He's from Atlantic City. He fights in this casino all the time . . . I shouldn't have come here with his promoters and judges." Steve Smoger refereed.

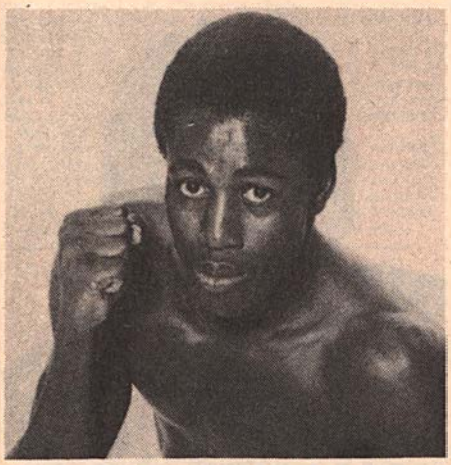
Vince Boulware, 161¾, Harrisburg via Houston, got a battle in defeating game David Barrow, 159¼, Philadelphia, by unanimous verdict, six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Cortez Treadwell, 148, Fayetteville, N.C., outboxed Bob Nicks, 146, Philadelphia, early, then faded under pressure to end with a controversial split draw, six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mike Williams, 217, Houston, wore out Ronald Turner, 243½, New York, for a unanimous win in an action brawl, four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Jesse Lanton, 162¾, Haversraw, N.Y., started strong, then had to struggle to a unanimous win over game John (Flash) Gordon, 164½, Fayetteville, four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
Undercard judges—Rocky Castellani, Ron Burns, Ted Larve.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-23-85)



Comebacking lightweight contender Terrence Alli had to struggle to outpoint Colombian Edouardo Valdez over 10 rough rounds in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—The eagerly awaited return of exciting Terrence Alli, following his IBF title shot loss to Harry Arroyo, left ringsiders more aghast than aglow. Alli, 137¾, New York, won, but had to struggle to turn back Edouardo Valdez, 141, Union City, N.J., by unanimous decision, 10. The transplanted Colombian was there strictly to play straight man to the transplanted Guyanan. Felling the South American crucible, Valdez appears a tired veteran after only some 20 fights, more adept at surviving than winning. He play sparring partner in the early rounds, as Terrence got off to a big lead. But after a clumsy attempt to exhibit his old verve fizzled in the fourth, observers began to realize this wasn't the same Alli. With timing, balance, and footwork a shade off, Terrence was reduced from magician to mechanic.

Evidently used to losing, Valdez was slow to realize this, but finally woke up in the latter half. Only a brief second wind by the favorite in the eight saved him from disaster. A hard-charging Valdez battered a spent Alli in the final two, but it wasn't quite enough. All three judges, John Stewart, Eugene Grant, and Frank Cairo, scored it 6-4. Rudy Battle refereed.

Don Caples. 129¼, Houston, got a questionable majority decision over Jimmy Jackson, 130¼, Las Vegas, in an ESPN junior lightweight tournament semi-final, eight. It was largely a contest of negatives. The lanky Caples, a classic, standup boxer, showed lots of flash, but little substance. The stubby Jackson was the aggressor behind solid hooks to body and head, but wasted too much time waiting. He had Caples ready to fall after a sharp left hook in the fourth, but couldn't finish him. Don returned the favor in the seventh, when a series of rights and a crunching body shot hurt Jimmy. Judge Grant voted 4-4, Cairo 6-2, and Stewart 5-3. Randy Neumann refereed.

In a battle of unbeatens, Victor Claudio, 160¼, San Juan, surprised, proving too strong as he dished out a solid beating to Charlie Boston, 155, Trenton, by unanimous decision, eight. Rudy Battle, referee.

John David Jackson, 155, Bridgeport, Pa., gave Cloverlay investors a scare when he ws dropped by determined long shot Vince Mayes, 155, Miami, in the third. But Jackson went to work, took Vince apart, and stopped him on his feet at 2:15 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Randy Neumann, referee.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated)
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(09-04-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Luis Rivera has been impressive on his comeback, but, even though he won, that all ended in his bout with Keith Adams. Rivera, 160, Camden, won a controversial, though unanimous, decision over Adams, 155¼, Ft. Lauderdale, 10. For Adams, a junior middle who was giving away too much height and reach to the rangy Rivera, it was an uphill battle in more ways than size. Luis started strong, driving Keith into the ropes and rocking him with a right in the second. Adams then had to play catch-up all night, and could't quite manage it. A slick though methodical boxer, he managed to beat the taller Rivera with the jab, while circling deftly. Luis used some roughhouse and beltline shots to reassert himself in the fifth and six, with Keith again peppering him in the next two. Finally, Rivera outmuscled the visitor in the last two to gain a just barely deserved victory. Ted Larve voted 6-3-1, Thomas Kaczmarek 6-4, and Lynne Carter 8-2. Keith's effort, though not quite enough to win, certainly took the luster off the localite's comeback. Joe Cortez refereed.

The semi-final saw an even bigger upset, as unsung Jerry Williams, 160, Philadelphia, beat prospect Richard Burton, 158½, Bronx, by unanimous decision, eight. Power puncher Burton dropped Williams with a right counter in the second, and had him ready to quit with an injured eye in the third. But Williams took the action inside Burton's power range, pushed him back,and wore him out in rugged infighting. Richard was out of gas and floundering helplessly by the close. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Sleeper Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 137, Philadelphia, established himself by blasting returning David Grayton, 135½. Washington, D.C. to the canvas with a straight right-left hook combo for a TKO at 2:33 of the first round in a scheduled six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mike Tyson, 219½, Catskill, New York, showed devastating punching in demolishing Jack (a/k/a Mike) Johnson, 196, Homestead, Fla., with a two-knock-down Kayo in 0:39 of the first round in a scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Lonnie Adams, 152, Philadelphia, blasted out Billy Barnes, 152, formerly Bethlehem, Pa., now Youngstown, with one right haymaker in 1:27 of the first round in their scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Victor Davis, 137, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Craig (Shining Star) Johnson, 133½, Atlantic City, with a cut left eye, not out for the fourth and final round. Davis held an edge in a good fight. Joe Cortez, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Kaz.
Attendance—500 (estimated)
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Stefan Harary.
(09-05-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—You never know which Rickey Parkey you're going to see enter the ring. There's the one who bombed out Broderick Mason in eight seconds, and the one who stunk the joint out against Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. In winning the dubious, and vacant, WBC Continental Americas cruiser weight crown, the versatile Rickey showed a mix of both. Parkey, 189½, Morristown, Tenn., via Atlantic City, scored a lopsided unanimous decision over Michael Arms, 194, who started in Milwaukee, passed through Alaska, and is now fighting out of Eugene, Ore., 12. Rickey nailed Mike with a wild right haymaker in the first and had him ready to go; but he flailed ineffectively, and couldn't land a worthy follow-up.

After that, it settled into an earnest, but somewhat dreary, pattern. The rangy Parkey boxed from the safety of distance, while the stubby Arms eschewed points, and wasted time setting up for a K.O. bomb that never came. A few times, he managed to jolt Rickey and keep him honest, but he could never put anything together. Eugene Grant and Ron Burns voted 119-109, Al DeVito 118-110. Asked why he didn't step in with more punishing rights, Parkey's trainer, Slim Jim Robinson, advised, ". . . you leave yourself open for a left hook." The loser explained his conservative showing, not on the first round thudding, but on rust from inactivity and lack of sparring. What does he expect after moving to Alaska? Ted Pick refereed.

In a rousing battle, Matt Farrago, 156¼, Syracuse, had to come from behind against game Darryl Cherry, 155¼, Portsmouth, Va., using raw strength to club the exhausted Cherry into a TKO at /0:55 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

Ma'eem Muhammad, 129,Orange, N.J., upset a disappointing Barrington Francis, 131, Montreal via Plainfield, knocking him down in the first and third to win a unanimous decision, four. Ted Pick, referee.

Michael Green, 123¼, Plainfield, tore up the body of Leroy Rushie, 119¼, Yonkers, who quit on the ropes at 2:51 of the second in their scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Talso (Sugarbear) Person, 146, Philadelphia, outbattled lefty Willie Edwards, 147½, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a dogfight, four. Ted Pick, refereed.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-10-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—Something induced Marvis Frazier back into the ring, where he pounded out a majority decision over Jose Nino Ribalta, 217¼, Paterson, 10. The fight was divided roughly into thirds. Frazier, 205¾, Philadelphia, fell behind early, as the lanky Ribalta was able to lure him on and then spring the trap with sharp right counters. Marvis churned into high gear, however, in the middle rounds, forcing the Cuban back and onto the ropes behind crunching left hooks. With Frazier now forged into the lead, both fighters became sloppy under the hectic pace in the closing sessions, neither able to assert himself in rugged, but ineffective, exchanges. Though an earnest affair, the bout lacked the glamor associated with the Frazier name. Marvis' victory was workmanlike, not stellar. Frank Brunette voted 6-4, Milo Svage 5-4-1, and William Kostrub 5-5. Tony Perez refereed.

In the ESPN light heavy tournament, sleeping Marvin Mack 172½, Philadelphia won an upset split decision over Tim Broady, 173¼, Brooklyn, in a rock-'em, sock-'em thriller, eight. Not noted as a puncher, Mack surprised with an explosive first-round attack that had the dynamite-fisted Broady nearly gone on the ropes. When referee Steve Smoger stepped in, it looked like he was stopping it, prompting a desperate Broady to give him a mild push—more of a plea than a protest. Instead, the ref administered a standing eight, which doubtless saved the stricken fighter. Responding to new life, Tim regrouped with roundhouse hooks that had Marvin hurting by round's end.

There was no way two humans could continue at such a pace, and in the second, the bout settled into a pattern. The defenseless Broady lunged after a circling Mack with clumsy but dangerous left hooks that distressed Marvin whenever they landed. Meanwhile, the matador tormented the bull with a steady torture of jabs and thumping straight rights. When the dust cleared on a sensational crowd-pleaser, Marvin got a deserved verdict, 6-2 from Brunette and 7-1 from Kostrub. Milo had the loser, 4-3-1.

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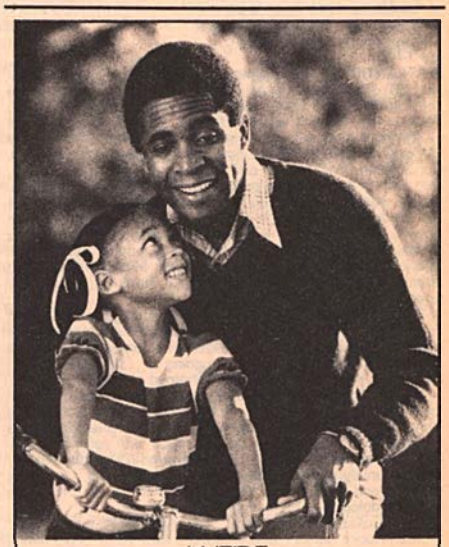
Returning Grady (Thriller) Smith, 171, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., looked terrible losing the first four to spoiler Andra Hayes, 176, Asbury Park, but did what he had to, looping a roundhouse right over Andra's jab to score a two-knockdown TKO at 2:02 of the fifth round ina scheduled six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Smokin' Joe Frazier, Jr., 140, Philadelphia, was lucky to get a three-way split draw against southpaw cutie Jose Luis Alejandro, 140, N. Bergen, in a tedious six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Willie de Wit, 216¼, Grande Prairie, Alberta, won an inglorious TKO over corpulent Marion (Dough Boy) Bridges, 262, Spartanburg, S.C., who was not permitted out after two. Commission doctors cut the eight to four, fearig "Dough Boy" could starve over the longer distance, then halted it when he asked cornermen for a burger and fries. Tony Perez, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(09-11-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—What started as a hot rematch of the great Robert Hines-James Green fight went through a revolving door of substitutions and came out Buster Drayton versus John Jarvis. The mercurial Drayton, 156¼, Philadelphia, managed to play it straight, without his usual antics and hairbreadth escapes, to systematically wear down and TKO Jarvis, 155½, Richmond, at 2:53 of the sixth in a scheduled 10. But it could have been quicker! Buster had Jarvis in trouble from a sneak right lead in the first, but the game lad came back to



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1. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
2. Cedric Parsons (Halifax)
3. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)
4. Young Dempsey (Vancouver)
5. Alex Williamson (Toronto)
6. Willie de Wit (Calgary)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Willie Featherstone (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Roddy MacDonald (Halifax)
4. Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
5. Andy Formagie (Montreal)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
1. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
2. Jacques LeBlanc (Memramcook)
3. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)
4. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
5. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
6. Marcel Gobeil (Dartmouth)
7. Albert Lambert (Calgary)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donny Poole (Toronto)
1. Jamie Ollenberger (Vancouver)
2. John Herbert (Vancouver)
3. Ricky Anderson (Halifax)
4. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
5. Guerrero Chavez (Montreal)
6. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
7. Marlon Wright (Montreal)
8. Shawn O'Sullivan (Toronto)
9. Sonny Wicks (Dartmouth)
10. George Sponagle (Prince George)
11. Danny Winters (Parrsboro, N.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Peter Cunningham (Edmonton)
2. Pierre Huneault (Hull)
3. Dan Pruden (Winnipeg)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Pep (Vancouver)
1. Nedrae Simons (Toronto)
2. Pasquale Procopio (Montreal)
3. Marty Burton (Calgary)

make a fight of it. In the fourth, the same punch nailed the Virginian twice more, and he was ready to fall as the bell granted him a reprieve. Buster remained in full control thereafter, until referee Joe Crotez stopped it. Some fans booed the ref's action, but Jarvis was in full retreat and not answering punches when the bout was halted.

Danny Vargar, 135¾, Harlingen, Texas, came a cropper, upsetting house fighter Marvin Garris, 134½, Philadelphia, by split verdict, eight. Confused by Danny's southpaw stance, Marvin got off to a very bad start, then had to play catch-up. Garris boxed his way into the fight, only to have the invader reassert himself with some bombs. Finally, Marvin made a good stretch run, as Vargas became exhausted, but it fell just short. Ted Larve voted for the loser, 5-3, while John Stewart and Al DeVito both had 5-3, Vargas. Rudy Battle refereed.

Vincent Pettway, 142½, Baltimore, outclassed and battered Keith Corbett, 146½, Cherry Hill, N.J., who proved game, but finally dropped and stayed there for the count in 3:05 of the fith round in a scheduled eight. Joe Cortez, referee.

Juan Muriel, 120¾, Bronx, got outhustled at the start of a war with John (Buckwheat) Farina, 118½, Ardmore, Pa, then found the range with nifty counters to batter Farina and earn a split draw, four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Frank Nolan, 154, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, outslugged Paul Skinner, 157¼, Philadelphia, then clubbed him down with a right for a kayo at 1:54 of the first round in their scheduled four. Rudy Battle, referee.

William Scott, 138, Brooklyn, beat up on game Andy Bailey, 139¼, Sault Ste. Marie, for a unanimous win, four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—550 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-14-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—William Scypion, 161, Port Arthur, Texas, may have reached the end of the line. He dropped a dismal unanimous verdict to Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 158, Newark via Philadelphia, 10. Still hopeing to get on the right track with new manager Dave Baron and trainer Quenzell McCall, the knockabout Walker appears rejuvenated. But Scypion seemed tired and shot-just a roughhouse mauler, with none of the fire and sting that used to intimidate opponents. Walker was able to outspeed him on the outside, and outhustle him on the inside. Though the bout was hard-fought, with lots of body battering as the two leaned on each other and worked close-in, it was more drudgery than artistry, and failed to inspire. The judges had it closer than deserved: Milo Savage, 6-3-1; Lunne Carter, 6-4; William Kostrub, 7-3. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

"Tonight just wasn't my night. I just couldn't get off." Scypion admitted. 'My trainer kept telling me to throw more punches, but I just couldn't do it." Added manager Mike Jones, "As far as I'm concerned, Wilford has had it. I'm going to . . . suggest that he retire now. He has nothing to be ashamed of."

Two trialhorses got a chance against each other, and responded with an action battle! Ralph Smiley, 163¾, Ithaca, New York, twice floored James Barham, 168¼, Philadelphia, in the second, hen pounded him on the ropes with referee Randy Neumann stopping it at 1:07 of the third round in a scheduled six.

In an untidy slugfest, Mike Sonny Carbone, 153, Levittown, dropped and TKO'd Mark Young, 157, Wichita, at 2:40 of the first scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Jorge Collazo, 122¾, Ponce, P.R., via Plainfield, hammered a green Rocky Nelson, 124, Westbury, New York, who seemed to lose heart, for a TKO at 2:16 of the first round in their scheduled four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Shlomo Niazov, 136¼, Tel Aviv via Brooklyn, dropped and TKO'd one "Marvin Johnson" (an opponent of dubious background), 141¼, Philadelphia, at 1:01 of the first round in their schueduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Willie Rivera, 135¼, Philadelphia, beat Mike Robinson, 141, Ithaca, by unanimous decision, in a routine four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,400 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-17-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—It was a devil of a fight! Vinnie (The Pazmanian Devil) Pazienza, 138, Cranston, Rhode Island, outbattled Jeff (The Tasmanian Devil) Bumpus, 137, Elkhart, Ind., for a unanimous decision, 10. The Tasmanian, like his cartoon namesake, featured a whirwind attack, heart, and determination. He also had about as much finesse. After three close rounds of trading, "The Paz" began deviling the stubby Bumpus by circling just outside of his range. Like Bugs Bunny outwitting his single-minded foe, Vinnie's superior skills took over. Gradually turning it into a rout, Pazienza nearly chased Jeff out of the ring on a couple of occasions late in the fight, but could never really hurt the pesky marsupial. The action was always brisk, and appreciated by the fans. John Stewart voted 7-2-1, Joe Pasquale 7-3, and Richard F. Murray 9-1. Vinnie Rainone refereed. "Jeff, you're a hell of a fighter," the winner enthused in the dressing room. "C'mon down to the bar," Bumpus responded. "I'll buy you one."

Tony Corrado, 146¼, Wappingers Falls, New York, got a lucky TKO over Kevin Vieldhouse, 147¾, Wayne, N.J., when the doctor wouldn't permit him out for the fourth of a scheduled eight. Kevin appeared on his way to victory in solid action, but his left eye was closed. Steve Smoger refereed.

Bomber Chris Reid, 169¼, Little Silver, N.J., showed raw power to hammer David Overton, 174½, Erie, down and out cold in 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Rocky Rosas, 137½, Passaic, staggered Lamont Everett, 135½, New York, during an exchange, then kept up the pressure until the doctor signaled for a TKO, some felt too quickly, at 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Tracy Harris (now "Patterson," after adoptive dad Floyd), 130¼, New Paltz, New York, fired a snappy double left hook to the ribs to kayo Paul Moore, 127, Philadelphia, in 1:38 of the first round in a scheduled four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Ray Velez, 141½, Bronx, counterpunched to a majority win over willing Bobby Guiducci, 140, Weymouth, Mass., in a good four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Chris (Choir Boy) Meakem, 143, Ringwood, N.J., TKO'd pathetic but game stumblebum Dennis Wade, 138¾, Monticello, N.Y., with a standing eight at 1:35 of the first round in their scheduled four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Justin Bucanico.
(09-18-85)

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Trump Hotel-Casino**—He should have punched holes right through him. He should have cemented his high ranking. He should have; he didn't.

Doug DeWitt, 160¾, Yonkers, New York, lost it somewhere in the middle rounds, and Rockin'Robbie Sims, 159, Brockton, Mass., seized the opportunity to grab a unanimous 10-round decision. Scoring was as follows: Joe Pasquale, 5-4-1; Al DeVito, 6-4; Lynn Carter, 7-3. *The Ring* agreed with DeVito. The referee was Tony Perez.

DeWitt had better than 14 hours to build up from the 9 a.m. weigh-in. His obvious strength was there early on as he constantly pushed Sims to the ropes withh vicious body shots. Afterwards however, "The Cobra" sat mystified in trying to explain his about face and near collapse in the later rounds.

Said DeWitt, "Maybe it was my legs. I don't know. I wasn't strong at all. Maybe I'm getting bored." Comments from Sims were: "it feels real good. Can you believe it (after four split decision defeats in Atlantic City)? I was in better condition and set a real fast pace. He (DeWitt) didn't know how hard I had been training.

Save for a fluke knockdown (Dougie had his foot on top of Sims') via a left hook, which gave DeWitt round six, he was virtually shutout from the scoring after round three. One judge had round five even, and one judge (hard to believe) actually gave him an edge in round 10; that was it for Dougie.

Sims, using mostly a southhpaw approach (he can switch-hit like half brother Marvin Hagler) was in superb condition and, as always, was no stranger to mixing it up. This time, he got the call—well deserved.

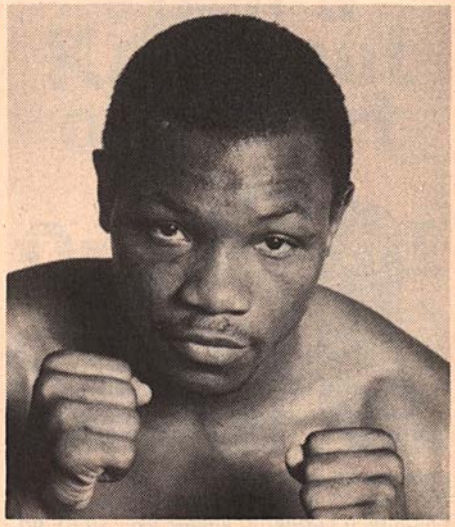
The short, late night card (with the main-event starting at 11:38) had only two prelim bouts—one before and one after.

In the opening 10, European welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan, 148¼, London, went to 24-0 with a unanimous but sloppy decision over comebacking Danny (Mad Dog) Paul, 146¼, Detroit, Mich. There were no knockdowns, but Honeyghan was back flipped over the shoulder of Paul on two occasions. Tony Orlando, referee. Pasquale had it 5-4-1, DeVito 6-3-1, and Carter 8-2.

Afterwards, Lloyd was not pleased by his performance. "It was the worst fight of my life," said the winner in his dressing room. "I knew he was awkward, but I didn't expect so much wrestling." Paul, the older brother of IBF lightweight champion Jimmy, hadn't boxed in two years. He may lose the big fights, but he will make you look bad and earn every inch of turf and second of time. The crowd was not overly impressed by the Londoner, thinking he should have solved the tactics of the determined but less talented Paul.

The Kronk Gym had much more success in the scheduled six-round walk-out bout. Rickey Womack, 177½, Detroit, Mich., proved too strong for Billy Saunders, 178, Vineland, N.J. Womack raised his mark to 7-0 with three kayoes when he TKO'd his foe at 2:32 of round three. Saunders was dropped in round one and again in the third before referee Orlando halted the one-sided affair. Saunders, who fell to 9-8-3, may well retire from the sport after this rather crushing defeat.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
(08-30-85)



Darryll Tyson retained his Continental Americas lightweight crown with a 12th round TKO over a reluctant Nick Parker at the Tropicana.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—Once again a supposed title came along and ruined things. If this had not been a scheduled 12-round Continental Americas lightweight title bout, maybe they could have eased the pain on the fans by cutting this boring and one-sided bout to, say, eight rounds.

Darryll Tyson, 134¼, Washington, D.C., was the defending champion, and he was not at fault. Nick Parker, 134¼, Erie, Pa., played the part of the stinker. Round after round, Tyson threw swift jabs and combinations. Round after round, Parker was the back-tracking survivalist. Did any anyone give him a round? I didn't.

Finally—and way past the saving line for this one—Tyson's right was able to crack a nerve in the jaw of Parker, and after two trips to the canvas, referee Frank Capuccino halted the bout. Winner, and still "champion", at 2:28 of round twelve, via TKO—Darryll Tyson.

Chris Bajor, 145½, Philadelphia, and debuting Joe Pellicane, 143¾, Edison, N.J., boxed to a four-round 1-1-1 draw. The referee was Cappuccino. Bajor is now 3-3-2.

Johnny Miller, 151¼, Franklinville, N.J., survived a rocky first round to pull out a four-round unanimous decision over Blaine Jones, 150¾, Philadelphia. Tony Orlando, referee. Miller is now 1-4, Jones is 0-2.

In a scheduled six, Howard Stewart, 144, Philadelphia, raised his record to 5-0-1 (three kayoes) when he TKO'd Eduardo Torres, 143¾, Atlantic City at the end of round three (not allowed out for the fourth round). Torres was dropped once in the second round. Frank Cappuccino, referee. Torres is now 5-4 with four kayoes.

A.D. Wiggins, 135, Allentown, Pa., won an eight-round unanimous decision over comebacking Edwin Rivera, 136, Hoboken, N.J. Tony Orlando, referee. Judge Rocky Castellani had it 6-2; Ted Larve, 5-3; Rich Strange, 4-3-1. Wiggins is now 6-2 with four kayoes. Rivera fell to a reported 20-14-1, seven wins by knockout.

Timekeeper—Art Spell
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
Promoters—Elbaum & Menas
(09-03-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—House promoter J.R. Peltz wasn't too happy as he silently pleaded for Texas import Efrain Olivo to put up some sort of resistance. After all, Russell's rep was on the line and cable TV wants competitive matches.

Oliva probably can't read lips. He went out meekly at 1:42 of round two in a scheduled 10 against house boxer Mike Picciotti, 148½, Ridley Park, Pa.

While there were no official knockdowns, the 149½-pound Olivo—on jelly legs from the start—was actually on his way down when referee Larry Hazzard leaped into the one-sided fray and saved Efrain from any further batterings.

Picciotti raised his record to 29-2-3 with 15 kayoes, and possibly got himself a big TV payday against Tommy Ayers or Mark Breland.

Thankfully for Peltz, most of the undercard was more evenly matched, if not necessarily edge-of-seat material.

Switch hitting Troy Fletcher, 114½, Philadelphia, won a hard fought 10-round split decision over Felix Marquez, 116¼, New Haven, Conn.

Troy boxed well, but was caught on many occasions by the solid straight right of Marquez. Frank Brunette and Lawrence Wallace saw it 5-4-1 for Troy, while Joe Pasquale had it 6-3-1, Marquez. *The Ring* saw it 66-4 for Fletcher. The ref was Larry Hazzard. Troy is now 10-0-1 with two kayoes. He is the brother of Frank and Anthony.

Andre Sharpe Richardson, 142¼, Philadelphia, got a one punch K.O. win over out-gunned southpaw Jose Sosa, 140¼, Harlingen, Texas (same town as Efrain Olivo). The end came at 1:18 of round two in a scheduled eight, when Richardson landed a booming right. The shaven headed Sosa hit the deck hard, and n o count was necessary. The referee was Steve Smoger. Richardson is now 11-0, with six kayoes.

Rodney Moore, 135, Philadelphia, won via TKO at 2:56 of round five against fellow Philadelphian Tony Jackson, 136. It was scheduled for siz; the referee was Hazzard. Jackson was down in round one, but was making a go of it until hurt and dropped by a right in round five. Moore is now 9-3 with three kayoes, Jackson fell to 4-4-1.

Monte Sherrick, 133¾, Philadelphia, edged out Tim (Holy) Moley, 134¼, Coram, New York, via a six-round majority decision. The ref was Smoger. Scores: Pasquale, 4-2; Wallace, 4-1-1; Brunette, 3-3. Moley was the constant aggressor against his taller foe and many booed the verdict in this all action bout. Sherrick went to 9-0 with two kayoes. Moley fell to 4-4-2.

Larry Cheatham, 112½, Philadelphia, got even with Jose Neris, 110¾, Atlantic City, by winning a four-round unanimous decision. The referee was Smoger. Back in April, Neris beat Larry by the same decision. This time, Cheatham swept all cards, 3-1; putting Neris down in the first and forcing him to take a standing eight-count in round three. Cheatham is now 2-6-1, Neris is 2-1.

Tony Thorton, 160½, Glassboro, labored to a TKO win at 2:12 of round six over southpaw Sidney Outlaw, 157¼, Phila. It was scheduled for eight; ref was Smoger. Sidney was down once in round six, and it was stopped at that point. Tony was ahead on all cards, but showed little in ring technique. He is now 10-0 with nine kayoes. Outlaw fell to 5-4.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert
Promoter—Sands/Peltz/Tiger Eye, Ltd.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
(09-05-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—John Wesley Meekings, 139¾, New York, may have advanced himself a bit too far, even in today's depleated world class market. The now 9-0 Meekins, never having gone beyond six and a fraction rounds before, posted his first distance win withh a 10-round unanimous decision over Joey Ferrell, 140¾, Phila., Pa. The referee was Larry Hazzard.

Judges Frank Brunette and Eugene Grant had it 6-4, while Lawrence Wallace saw it 7-3. *The Ring* agreed with Wallace.

Ferrell, the owner of an unsubstantiated 10-2-1 log going in, was surely a step above previous Meekins victims. Nevertheless, John handled the situation in near flawless fashion. This ringside observer gave him checkmarks for pacing, hand speed, defense and over-all ring generalship and behavior. While Joey did look flat (over trained?), take nothing away from Meekins who was faced with a rather unorthodox foe.

The bout and boxers were both tight and tense through the first five rounds, but then it was John Wesley who gained the upper hand with finely tuned discipline. It was the teacher (Ferrell) being confused by the pupil (Meekins). While he never exploded, he did manage to look sharp and close fast with a clearly dominant 10th round. During the second part of the bout, Meekins got 11 points from the judges, while Ferrell received only four—proof positive that Meekins rationed wisely.

Where does John go from here? Still a babe in the woods, this latest Top Rank, Inc. darling—as generally agreed—has the potential for greatness. Don't wreck him with fast lane pairings. Remember, stay left, pass right; don't live there.

Kelvin Kelly, 174¼, Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Keith Vining, 176, Detroit. "Special K" Kelly pulled himself off the camvas in round one, and stormed back withh a steady diet of body work on his tall upright foe. The crowd was treated to an action bout because the big right of Vining was a potent weapon until the end.

All cards were 5-3 for Kelly, including that of *The Ring*. The ref was Ted Pick. Kelly is now 10-0.

Southpaw Fred Guzman, 175½, Ft. Worth, Texas, won by TKO at 2:25 of round one over Mike Randle, 170½, San Diego, Calif. The "soft" Guzman dropped the muscular Randle twice with straight lefts. Scheduled for eight; ref was Hazzard.

Olympic gold medel winner Henry Tillman, 194¼, Los Angeles, got a shutout win on all cards in a six-round decision over the game but plodding Richard Scott, 215, St. Louis, Mo. Scott, the owner of a big upper body, was rattled in round four but showed some mixing moxie in the next session to let Tillman know he had to earn it. Ted Pick, referee.

Timmekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc. (09-18-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶**WEST ORANGE—Essex Racquet Club**—Pat Prisco, 154, Madison, N.J., won a split decision over Marlon Palmer, 153½, Pottstown, Pa., eight. Palmer was busy in the early rounds, but Prisco won the latter frames with harder combinations. Prisco is now 14-0-1.

Marc Fichtner, 193, Boonton, N.J., TKO'd Hanif Islam, 195, Paterson, N.J., at 1:12 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight. Hanif was decked in rounds two, three, and four.

Four-rounders: Carlos Cartejena, 130, New York, won a unanimous decision over John Alvarado, 129, Dover, N.J. Jonathan Bacote, 138, Newark, won a unanimous verdict over Ed Castro, 140¾, Jersey City. Mark Farley, 139¼, East Orange, won a majority decision over John Kinney, 139, Butler, N.J. Greg Everett, 172½, Newark, TKO'd Lawrence Cureton, 178¼, Jersey City, at 2:19 of the first round. Bob Colay, 257, Atlantic City, TKO'd Purdue Hall, 239, Falls Church, Va., at the end of the fourth. Rich Rettig, 143½, Bayonne, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Jesus Velez, also 143½, Dover, N.J.

Referees—Larry Hazzard, Randy Neumann.
Judges—Charles Spina, Ray Hoagland, Paul Venti.
Promoter—Carlo Dee.
(09-08-85)

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▶**ORANGE—Our Lady of the Valley H.S. Gym**—Carlos Hernandez, 200, Union City, N.J., TKO'd Dawud Shaw, 181½, Philadelphia, at the end of the third round in a scheduled eight. Hernandez is now 16-1 with 11 kayoes.

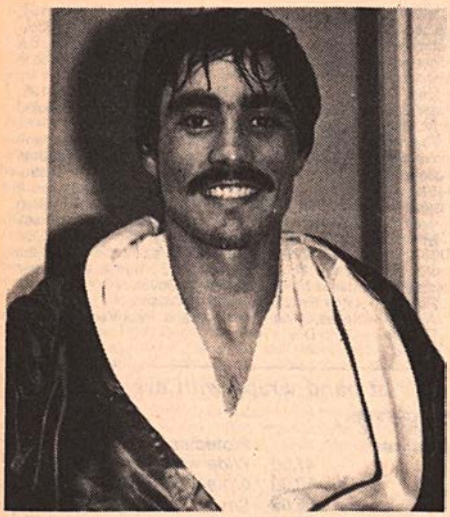
Wali Muhammad, 178½, Orange, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Oak Tree Edwards, 180, Brooklyn, eight. Muhammad, who outboxed the stronger Edwards and blocked most of his powerful hooks, is now 6-0 with five kayoes.

Tracy Spann, 134½, Plainfield, N.J., TKO'd Darrell Richardson, 137, Portsmouth, Va., at the end of round two in their scheduled eight. Richardson was knocked down in the second.

Four-rounders: Jean-Pierre Vasasu, 170, Morristown, N.J., TKO'd John Elmore, 173, Newark, at 0:35 of the fourth and final session. Clarence Coleman, 142½, Newark, won a majority decision over George Hobb, 147, Brooklyn.

Referees—Larry Hazzard, Tony Orlando.
Judges—Ron Burns, Charles Spina, Lawrence Wallace.
Promoter—Michael Guadagno, Jr.
(09-14-85)

SORREL M. FELDMAN



Louie Espinoza rocked Troy Townsend in practically every round before stopping him in the eighth in Poughkeepsie.

NEW YORK

▶**POUGHKEEPSIE—Mid-Hudson Civic Center**—A rare card was presented here, when promoters decided to bring popular Bill Costello down from his nearby hometown of Kingston to take advantage of the cooler environs at this new, air-conditioned facility. Costello's non-title bout with Sammy Horne fell out, but the rest of the show went on. Sammy was blamed as a no-show, but the date was dangerously close to Bill's August title defense. The champ did box a tame exhibition with Randy Mitchum.

In a scheduled 10, Kevin (E.T.) Moley, 160¼, Selden, New York, TKO'd Tommy Rodgers, 156½, Chicago, at 2:02 of the fourth. It was a lively scrap, in which the aggressive, but light-hitting Rodgers jolted Moley several times, but always paid for it when the heavier-handed Kevin came back to outgun him. A sharp double right finally dropped Tommy, and he was being battered when referee Sid Rubinstein called a halt.

Louie Espinoza, 129, Phoenix, stopped Troy Townsend, 126½, Milwaukee, on his feet at 2:14 of the eighth and final round. The game Townsend put up a good effort, but was rocked in nearly every round until ref Rubinstein decided he'd had enough.

Floyd Peavey, 149¾, Kingston, scored an easy unanimous win over William Clayton, 151, Hawaii/Chicago, in a dreary eight. Clayton, billed as "The Crystal Kid," probably because opponents pass right through him, put up little offense, until a sneak right staggered Peavey just before the final bell. Joe Cortez refereed.

Mike Tyson, 217¼, Catskill, kayoed old warhorse Larry Sims, 217, Cleveland, with a volley to the body and right uppercut to the chin in 0:24 of the third round in a scheduled six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Tracy Harris, 129½, New Paltz, TKO'd Paul Mayes, 131, Altoona, with two knockdowns in 0:38 of the first round in a scheduled four. Sid Rubinstein, referee.

Bob Dietlmeier, 221, Toms River, N.J., kayoed hopelessly outweighed Reginald Griffin, 190, Philadelphia, with a right-hand bomb in 1:33 of the first round in their scheduled four. Sid Rubinstein, referee.

Promoter—Sam Glass (Tiffany Promotions).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—700. Gross—$15,000 (est.).
Judges—Pete Heller, Don Ackerman, Ted Wint.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Ward Todd.
(07-19-85)

J. R. JOWETT

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Tyrone Jackson, 128½, Harlem, New York, won the Continental Americas super featherweight title by knocking out Rosendo Alonso, also 128½, San Diego, Calif., with a barrage of punches in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled 12. Larry Hazzard, referee. Jackson, who also holds the New York State featherweight crown, is now 22-0 with 17 knockouts. Alonso, who did nothing, is 27-13-1 with 14 kayoes.

Ricky Young, 140, Harlem, won a unanimous decision over David Taylor, 141, Atlanta, Georgia, 10. Scoring: Ed Post, 6-4; Eva Shain, 8-2; Danny Whelan, 6-4 (7-4 in points). Johnny Colan, rkeferee. Young, who never gets the easy ones, is now 15-1 with six kayoes.

Willie Clayton, 148, a tall southpaw from Chicago, scored an upset TKO over Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 146½, Harlem, at 1:31 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Al LoBianco, referee. Rucker caught one, Clayton followed up, and that was it.

Alberto Gomez, 140½, Astoria, Queens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Williams (Kid) Mirabal, also 140½, New York, six. Scoring: Post, 4-1-1; Shain, 6-0; Whelan, 4-2. Al LoBianco, referee.

Richard (Kid) Brownrigg, 178, Long Beach, New York, TKO'd Art (Bulldog) Rogers, 175, Brooklyn, at 2:58 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Johnny Colan, referee.

Richard Wombley, 167, Huntington, New York, won a unanimous decision over Milton Burton, 162½, Staten Island, four. Scoring: Post, 3-1 (4-1); Shain, 4-0 (5-0); Whelan, 4-0. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Felix (Tito) Rosado, 137, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Rodriguez, 135, Hartford, Conn., four. Scoring: Post, 4-0; Shain and Whelan, both 3-1. Johnny Colan, referee.

Todd Hickman, 136½, Akron, Ohio, floored and TKO'd Ray Doughty, 138, Waterbury, Conn., in 1:31 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder. Al LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(09-19-85)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OHIO

▶**AKRON—Rhodes Auditorium**—Olympic gold medalist Jerry Page, 140, Columbia, made his pro debut by knocking out Jim Vozar, 139½, Cleveland, in 2:55 of the first round. A crunching right hand floored the 20-pro bout veteran for the full count of referee Pete Rademacher.

Manager Angelo Dundee and trainer John Russell praised the performance of their new charge, but admitted Page had made a few mistakes. Good eyes they have; few in the crowd saw any flaws in Page's two-knockdown demolition of Vozar.

David Rivello outscored Clint Huston, junior lightweights.

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Mike Hutcherson stopped JoeTravis in round two, welters.

Crnadell King TKO'd Lynn Edwards in round six at 165 pounds.

Light heavyweight Tony Willis halted Phillip Brown in the first session.

Heavyweight Donny Long kayoed Robert Ovey in the third.

Referees—Pete Rademacher, John Avon.
Akron Productions.
Matchmaker—Mike Acri.
Attendance—2,600 (estimated).
(07-17-85)

NOTES—The Page-Vozar show marked the maiden voyage of Rhodes Auditorium. The 8,000-seat venue will host another pro card soon.

DON MYERS

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—It didn't exactly lend itself to the famed historical lore of the place, but it did prove that boxing is the name of the game.

Southpaw/switch-hitter Hugh Kearney, 146, Philadelphia, used his youthfully quick arms and legs to take an eight-round split decision over "Shotgun" Jimmy Muse, also 146, Philadelphia. "Buttons" raised his mark to 7-0 with three kayoes. The scores were: Adalaide Triplett, 39-35; Carol Polis, 38-37 (Muse); and Al Morris; 39-35, giving Kearney the win. *The Ring* was impressed with the ring quickness of Kearney—thus the futile attempts on the part of Muse to tag him cleanly—scoring it a 40-32 shutout. The referee was Ozzie Badler.

Six prelim bouts filled out the card; all boxers from Philadelphia.

Miguel Montero, 148½, outpointed Brian McGinley, 150, for the second time this summer; this time with an eight-round split decision in an action bout. Scoring: Triplett, 37-35; Morris, 37-36; Polis, 38-37 for McGinley. Ref was Tommy Reid. Montero now is 4-6; McGinley 7-3. *The Ring* saw it 37-35 Montero.

In a scheduled six, Curt Adams, 139, scored a TKO win at 2:45 of the first round against Ron Washington, 135½. There were no knockdowns. Washington, who sometimes (earlier this year) boxes as Richard Graves, offered little opposition; he can do better when he feels like it. Johnny Barr worked his corner. Adams is now 3-3-1. The referee was Charlie Sgrillo.

Four bouts, scheduled for four rounds each, preceded.

In a bout that had two kids turning pro, Manuel Braga Opher, 150½, kayoed Craig Coleman, 152, in 1:10 of round one. Coleman was floored by a stiff jab and stayed down for the count. The referee was Sgrillo.

Tom Bacon, 250, raised his mark to 2-1, with a set-up win over an announced Michael Thomas, 193. The end came at 1:49 of round one. "Thomas" was dropped in his own corner, and referee Sadler stopped the count at seven. I have seen this "Thomas" box before—as Tim Davenport. Naturally, Johnny Barr was in his corner. Promoter Peltz, a man of usually high quality, gets a failing grade putting bouts like these on his shows.

In another bout involving two kids turning pro, Tony Martin, 139, was very impressive with a second round TKO over Ulysses Bennefield, 137. The time was 2:20. The referee was Sgrillo. Bennefield, dropped in each of the two rounds, showed much spunk and it would be fair to say that he was over-matched against the smooth moves and punches of Martin.

Southpaw Anthony (Mongoose) DeShields, 142, and shaven-headed switch-hitter Ali Saad Muhammad, 140, boxed to a split draw. Many felt that Mongoose had the edge. The referee was Reid. DeShields is now 2-21. Ali Saad 2-2-2.

Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—875 (estimated).
(09-10-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

TEXAS

▶**SAN ANTONIO**—Mike Ayala, 122, retained his NABF super bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Pascual Aranda, 121½, 12.

Paulie Ayala, 122¼, TKO'd Edgar Muniz, 123, Mexico, at 2:57 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Al Rangel, 121, won a unanimous decision over Cenobio Saucedo, 120½, eight.

Ray Medel, 113, TKO'd Polo Saucedo, 110, at 0:10 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Jorge Fuentes, 117¾, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Javier Ruiz, 116½, Mexico, four.

Referees—Dick Cole, R. Ovalle.
Judges—B. Martin, J. Guerro, S. Jaramillo.
Timekeepers—B. Gavin, J. Masterpoole.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. M. Spector.
Promoter—Chuck Perez. Gross—$29,124.
(09-10-85)

▶**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gymnasium**—Two six-rounders headlined.

Arthur Weathers, 181, and Jesse Shelby, 179, had their bout declared a technical draw at 0:29 of the first round on an accidental butt.

Gordon Cox, 171, won a unanimous decision over Jose Pacheco, 169¾, six.

Four-rounders: Robert Byrd, 132, won a unanimous decision over Harold Romero, 133, New Mexico. Ronnie Villa, 143, New Mexico, won a majority decision over Roddy Blake, 142. Lupe Miranda, 132, TKO'd Jimmy Flores, also 132, New Mexico, at 1:44 of the second. Gilbert Contreras, 118, won a unanimous decision over Lowrance Miere, 122.

Referees—Spider Bynum, Steve Crosson.
Judges—J. Woodruff, L. Marks.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Marr, Dr. Gardner.
Ten-Count Productions. Gross—$2,611.
(09-10-85)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Marcelo Di Crocce kayoed Jose Luduena in the eighth round, welters.
(07-31-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Alfredo Lucero relinquished his South American welterweight title to fight as a junior middleweight. The South American Boxing Federation proclaimed Ramon Abeldano the new champ.
(08-01-85)
▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Alberto Aragon outscored Carmelo Gonzalez, 10, junior lightweights.
(08-02-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi halted Miguel Angel Pereyra in seven, junior welters.
(08-03-85)
▶**LAS FLORES**—Junior welterweight Ramon Collado outscored welterweight Ricardo (Bolita) Espinoza, 10.
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Former Olympian Pedro Decima knocked out Daniel Aaguero in the second, junior featherweights. Decima is unbeaten as a pro.
(08-07-85)
▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo outscored Carlos Prieto, 10, welterweights. Big upset.
(08-08-85)
▶**TRELEW—Gimnasio Ciudad de Trelew**—Ramon Abeldano retained his Argentine welterweight crown by stopping previously unbeaten Enrique Sallago in round eight. Sallago went to the hospital.
(08-08-85)
▶**TUCUMAN—Club Juan Bautista Alberdi**—Argentine junior lightweight champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez stopped veteran featherweight Hipolito Nunez in seven.
(08-09-85)
▶**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Former Argentine flyweight champion Ramon Horacio Albers won a unanimous decision over former Argentine junior flyweight champion Hector Patri, 10.
(08-09-85)
▶**SANTA FE**—Argentine and South American cruiserweight champion Hector Rohr stopped Jorge Cambiasso in the first round.
(08-09-85)
▶**VIEDMA**—Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez outpointed Cesar Villarruel, 10, junior feathers.
(08-09-85)
▶**BRAGADO**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado knocked out Juan Carlos Rodriguez in seven.
(08-09-85)
▶**SAN PEDRO**—Lorenzo Garcia won a unanimous (100-97, 100-97, 100-96) decision over Latin American welterweight champion Jorge Pino, Panama, 10.
(08-09-85)
▶**VILLA MARIA**—Jose Cufre outpointed Ruben Condori, 10, junior bantamweights.
(08-09-85)
▶**SAN NICOLAS**—Julio Ramirez outclassed Luis Perna, 10, feathers.
(08-09-85)
▶**LA RIOJA**—Jose Villarreal outpointed Mario Arraya, 10, lights.
(08-09-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Jose Mario Lopez knocked down Benjamin del Valle Sendin in the first round and kayoed him in the second. Excellent performance by Lopez.
(08-14-85)
▶**SAN RAFAEL**—Ramon Soria outscored Hugo Fernandez, 10, feathers.
(08-16-85)
▶**RESISTENCIA—Club Hindu**—Argentine and South American lightweight champion Jesus Romero won a split decision over rising junior lightweight Jose Cubilla, 10.
(08-16-85)
▶**SAN PEDRO—Club Parana**—Junior featherweight prospect Ruben Astorga outscored Carlos Laciar, 10. Astorga is now 8-0.
(08-16-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Fernando Sosa retained his Argentine featherweight title with a unanimous (118-114, 117-116, 119-117) decision over Osmar Avila, 10. Sosa, who also holds the South American title, is one of the best fighters in Argentina.
(08-17-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez retained his Argentine junior featherweight title by stopping Antonio Guzman in six. Dominguez also holds the South American crown.
(08-21-85)
▶**OLAVARRIA**—Pedro Decima outscored Cesar Villarruel, 10. Decima, a junior featherweight, is undefeated.
(08-23-85)
▶**SAN NICOLAS**—Olympic middleweight Hugo Antonio Corti made his pro debut by outpointing Alberto Heredia, six.
(08-23-85)
▶**ROJAS—Club Sportivo Rojas**—Ramon Jara won a unanimous (99-96, 100-96, 99-95) decision over veteran Ramon Collado, 10. Jara is managed by former world middleweight champion Carlos Monzon.
(08-24-85)
▶**PERGAMINO—Club Juventud**—Jose Maria Flores Burlon retained his South American light heavyweight crown by knocking out Brazilian champion Clarismundo Silva in round three. Flores Burlon is now 70-9-9. Silva is 12-4.
(08-24-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Featherweight Jose Mario Lopez stopped Armando Romero in eight.
(08-28-85)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Juan Carlos Gimenez of Paraguay was proclaimed South American middleweight champion by the South American Boxing Federation, the SABF having withdrawn recognition from Roberto Ruiz of Argentina.
(08-30-85)
▶**ROJAS—Club Sportivo Rojas**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi halted Oscar Sosa in six, junior welters.
(08-30-85)
▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Esteban Bustos and Miguel Angel Francia drew, 10, featherweights.
(08-30-85)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—South American heavyweight champion Jose Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues halted Peter Mulindwa in two.
(08-04-85)

CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**— Cardenio Ulloa outclassed Argentine junior featherweight champion Armando Romero, 10.
(07-03-85)

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
2. Walter Daniel Falconi (Arg.)
3. Eddie (Animal) Lopez (Mexico)
4. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
5. Carlos Hernandez (Cuba)
6. Arturo Diaz (Mexico)
7. Luis Gonzalez (Panama)
8. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
9. Rafael Guerrero (Dominican Rep.)
10. Jose Augusto dos Santos (Brazil)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
3. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
4. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
5. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
6. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Mexico)
7. Narciso Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
8. Ramon Ronquillo (Mexico)
9. Jose Helguera (Argentina)
10. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
2. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
3. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
4. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
5. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
6. Felipe Guzman (Peru)
7. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
8. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
9. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
10. Angel Jimenez (Dominican Republic)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
2. Jorge Amparo (Dominican Republic)
3. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
4. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
5. Jose Duarte (Mexico)
6. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
7. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
8. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
9. Ramon Diaz (Dominican Republic)
10. Nestor Flores (Panama)

JUNIOR MIDDLWEIGHTS
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
3. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
4. Carlos Herrera (Argentina)
5. Mario Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
6. Carlos Victor Velasquez (Argentina)
7. Hugo Marinangelis (Argentina)
8. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
9. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
10. Vicente Silva (Argentina)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
2. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
3. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
4. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
5. Fernando Castro (Peru)
6. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
7. Elio Omar Diaz (Venezuela)
8. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
9. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
10. Miguel Angel Arroyo (Argentina)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
2. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
5. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
6. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
7. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
8. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Cuba)
9. Juan Martin Coggi (Argentina)
10. Saul Julio (Colombia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
2. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
5. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Rafael Williams (Panama)
8. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
9. Adolfo Medel (Chile)
10. Juan Ramon Cruz (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
2. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
6. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
7. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
8. Geronimo Luquez (Argentina)
9. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
10. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Argentina)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
7. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
8. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
9. Jose Caba (Dominican Republic)
10. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
2. Guadalupe Pintor (Mexico)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Jose Meneses (Panama)
6. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
7. tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
8. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
2. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
3. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
6. Benito Badilla (Chile)
7. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
8. Javiar Avila (Mexico)
9. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
10. Azael Moran (Panama)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
2. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
3. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
4. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
5. Juan Carlos Cortes (Argentina)
6. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
7. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
8. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
9. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
10. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
4. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
5. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
6. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
9. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
10. Adrian Roman (Argentina)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
1. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
5. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
6. German Torres (Mexico)
7. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
8. Javier Alonso (Mexico)
9. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
10. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—Jose Carlos Gimenez stopped Joao Tavares of Brazil in four, middleweights.
(08-05-85)

VENEZUELA

▶**PORLAMAR**—Junior welters Juan Rondon and Ildemar Paisan had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in round nine.
(07-27-85)

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EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▶**INNSBRUCK**—Giovanni Marchesini halted Robert Pfitscher in the fifth session, light heavies. Pfitscher suffered a severe injury to his thumb.
Ruggio Maurizio stopped Jurgen Himmler in the fifth round, lightweights.
(07-12-85)

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BELGIUM

▶**LAEKEN**—Jesus Fernandez outpointed Kid Taylor, six. Fernandez, a light middleweight, is now 11-2.
(06-22-85)
▶**HUY**—Former European junior lightweight champion Jean-Marc Renard stopped Jose Maillot in round four. Renard is now 24-3.
Patrick Boon, a stablemate of Renard, halted Alan Coguez in the second, welters.
(06-22-85)
▶**ROCHEFORT**—Renard and Boon were in action again.
Jean-Marc stopped Vicente Fernandez in the third round.
Patrick halted Jimmy Bartes in four.
(08-02-85)
▶**BRUGGE**—Gino de Graeve and Jesus Fernandez drew, six, light middles.
(08-10-85)

FRANCE

▶**NICE**—Italian-born light welterweight Tony Vivarelli outscored Julien Segly, eight.
Boudali Boughalem outpointed Victor Amsoula Mayala, six, welters.
Louis Gomis outscored Abdou Ba, six, featherweights.
Thierry Giudice and Francisco Aparicio drew, six.
(06-21-85)
▶**MARSEILLES**—Joe Araka knocked out veteran middleweight Gratien Tonna in the second round and forced him to hang up his gloves.
French flyweight champion Alain Limarola outpointed Francisco Garcia, eight.
(06-27-85)

ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

▶**BAD HOMBURG—Tennis Bar Club**—Ralf Rocchigiani, 176½, won the German cruiserweight crown by knocking out Josef Kossmann, 179¼, with a left hook in the second round of a scheduled 10. Michael Fischer, referee. Tradesmen at ringside, seeking publicity for their firms, made gifts of DM 4000 to Rocchigiani and DM 1000 to Kossmann. The new champ is now 12-1-3.
Conny Mittermeier, 139¾, won the vacant German light welterweight title by outscoring Theo Hauser, 135¼, 10. Mittermeier is unbeaten in five bouts.
German heavyweight champion Charly Graf, 223¾, outscored Nowak Radanovic, 198¼, six. Graf is now 23-3.
German light middleweight champion Erwin Heiber, 151, knocked out locally based Turk Nyasi Aytekin, 148¾, in the third round. Heiber is now 18-3-4.
Jurgen Broszeit, 154½, stopped Yugoslavia's Dragomir Popovich in round four.
Horst Schulz, 182, knocked out African Seidu Musa in the second frame.
Promoter—Peter Golms.
Matchmaker—Ebby Thust.
Attendance—300 (estimated).
(08-21-85)
▶**BERLIN—Ice Stadium**—German cruiserweight champion Ralf Rocchigiani, 176½, won a split decision over Belgian southpaw Jose Seys, also 176½, eight.
Graciano Rocchigiani, 162, won a unanimous decision over Moussa Kassongo Mukandjo, 163, Zaire, 10.
German light heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann, 178½, halted locally based Turk Vedat Akovat, 176½, in seven.
Mike Wissenbachm, 165½, outscored Austria's Esperno Postl, 163, six.
Thomas (Teddy) Jansen, 154¼, made his pro debut, outpointing Klaus Hein, 143¼, four.
Michael Quaisser, 147¾, made his pro debut, outpointing Austrian Franz Hohl, 154, four.
Promoter—Klaus Speer.
Sponsor—ARPEA.
(08-31-85)

JACK A. TREE

ITALY

▶**ORBETELLO**—Rosario Indelicato kayoed Jean-Luc Sautreau in round three, lightweights.
Salvatore Nardino kayoed Yebbar Arrob Abdel in round two, light welters.
Kalongo Bolemi outpointed Moba Salay, six, light heavies.
(06-14-85)
▶**SASSARI**—Gianpiero Pinna retained his Italian flyweight title by outpointing Mario Bitetto, 12.
Rocky Fratto returned to action after two years' inactivity, outpointing Mosimo Maeleke, eight.
Junior lightweight Giuseppe Ferracuti outscored Andrea Ricci, eight.
(06-14-85)
▶**FANO**—1980 Olympic gold medalist Slobodan Kacar outscored former world ranked light heavyweight John Davis, 10.
Featherweight Ley Sumba-Sengi halted Joseph Sekisambu in the fourth round.
Zamel Tabay outscored Nazario Mariotti, six, light middles.
(06-14-85)
▶**SPOLETO**—Former European welterweight champion Gianfranco Rosi outscored Inino Wa Tonino Bolomba, eight.
Noe Cruciani outpointed Giovanni Marchesini, six, light heavies.
(06-15-85)
▶**VERCEIA**—Angelo Rottoli retained his Italian heavyweight title with a close but unanimous (118-116, 118-116, 117-116) decision over Guido Trane, 12.
Paolo Pesci outscored Charles Ssali, six, welterweights.
(06-20-85)
▶**PISA**—Unbeaten welter Marco Cipollino halted Robert Dormoy in round four.
Bruno Simili outpointed Faical Naifer, eight, light welters.
(06-21-85)
▶**LUMEZZANE**—Robert Cirelli outscored German Nunez, six, bantamweights.
Light welterweight prospect Maurizio Ronzoni outpointed Benito Murillo, six.
(06-21-85)
▶**SESTRI LEVANTE**—Stefano Vassallo went to 10-0 with a decision over Belgian heavyweight Albert Syben, eight.
Luca De Lorenzo stopped Angelo Licata in the fourth round, lightweights.
Antonio Tassisto outscored Marnix Heytens, six, middles.
(06-22-85)
▶**SOLOFRA**—Calisto Bavaresco kayoed Marzio Baseotto in round three, light middles.
Inino Wa Tonino Bolamba kayoed Giuseppe Cali in three, light middlweights.
(06-28-85)
▶**BELLARIA**—Four 1984 Olympic medalists scored wins on this program.
Meldrick Taylor looked impressive stopping veteran Spanish lightweight Hugo Carrizo in three.
Heavyweight Francesco Damiani outscored Walter Santemore, six.
Light middleweight Luciano Bruno outpointed Rene Jacquot, six.
Heavyweight Angelo Musone stopped Eddy Vandenhouwele in two.
Argentine middleweight champion Roberto Ruiz outscored Butangi Nzolameso, eight.
Romolo Casamonica stopped Ngindola Engote in three, welters.
(06-29-85)
▶**CECINA**—Paul Muyodi kayoed Kalongo Bolemi in round two, middleweights.
Rosario Casartelli stopped Rosario Indelicato in three, light welters.
Salvatore Nardino kayoed Oronzo Oggiano in three, light welters.
(06-29-85)
▶**POGGIO A MOIANO**—Heavyweight Cesare DiBenedetto was held to a draw by mediocre Goerge Ajjo, six. The 26-year-old Italian, now 12-0-1, had stopped Ajjo twice before.
Uruguayan light heavyweight Juan A. Barrero outscored Moba Salay, six.
(06-30-85)
▶**TORRE ANNUZIATA**—Ugandan southpaw Yawe Davis outscored Mabobo Kamunga, six, light heavies.
Renato Zurlo stopped Mirsad Mahmutovic in the fifth round, welters.
Gaetano Moretti outscored Giovanni Cannizzo, six, light middles.
(06-30-85)
▶**LERICI**—Ciro De Leva retained his European bantamweight title by knocking out the veteran Spanish southpaw, Enrique Rodriguez Cal, in the seventh round of a scheduled 12. This was De Leva's third title defense. His record is now 19-2-1.
Italian featherweight champion Salvatore Bottiglieri outscored Spaniard Santiago (Machin) Gonzalez, six. Bottiglieri is now 17-2.
Bantamweight prospect Antonio Picardi halted Juan Montero in the fourth round for his seventh win.
Museta Bingunia, Zaire, outscored Vicente Jorge Sendin, Spain, six, featherweights. Bingunia has lost only one of 19 bouts.
Lightweight Efrem Calamati stopped Andrea Ricci in four.
(07-06-85)
▶**MIRTO**—Antonio Renzo kayoed Jofre II in the first round. The 25-year-old junior lightweight is now 10-0.
(07-07-85)
▶**FORLI**—Former European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati kayoed Luis de la Sagra in round three. Nati, now a featherweight, is 30-3-4.
Venezuelan light welterweight Nelson Trujillo outscored Charles Ssali, six. Trujillo has been unbeaten in 17 bouts since moving to Europe.
Welterweight Paolo Pesci outscored Hassan Maghraoui, six.
Light middle Andrea Scardigli outpointed Moktar D'Jelassi, six. Scardigli now has seven wins.
(07-09-85)
▶**PISTOIA**—Piero Morello halted Ba Abdoulaye in two, lightweights.
(07-09-85)
▶**CAMPIONE D'ITALIA**—Ubaldo Sacco won the WBA junior welterweight crown with a ninth round TKO over defending champion Gene Hatcher. A full report on this bout appeared in the October issue of *The Ring*.
Clarence Osby, Milwaukee, Wisc., sprang a major surprise by outpointing Fulgencio Obelmejias in a light heavyweight eight. Osby is now 13-5. Obelmejias is 49-3.
European light welterweight champion Patrizio Oliva outscored

Nick Parker, eight. This was win number 40 for Oliva.
Argentine heavyweight Walter Daniel Falconi stopped George Ajjo on cuts in round two.
Light welterweight Maruizio Ronzoni stopped Jose Maria Castillo in three.
Junior lightweight Antonio Renzo halted Isidoro Cabeza in three.
Swiss middleweight Enrico Scacchia raised his log to 23-1-1 by outpointing Mabobo Kamunga, eight.
(07-21-85)

▶**RIVA DEL GARDA**—Italian bantamweight champion Maurizio Lupino outpointed Umberto Morri, eight.
Junior lightweight Aniello Iovino outscored Andre Blanco, six.
Domenico Raucci went to 12-1 by stopping Robert Dormoy in two, light middles.
Lomani Musungu, Zaire, sprang a surprise by holding Yugoslavian welterweight Ace Rusevski to a draw, eight. Rusevski is now 17-1-1. Musungu is 5-0-1.
Argentine middleweight champion Roberto Ruiz stopped Antonio Alcantara in three. Ruiz is now 32-3-1 with 22 kayoes.
(07-22-85)

▶**PESCARA**—Gennaro Mauriello retained his Italian light heavyweight title by outpointing Luciano DiGiacomo, 12. Mauriello was inactive for 10 months.
Kia Folly Muyanga stopped Guido DiRocco in four, light middles.
Costantino Padovano halted Angelo Fenu in two, light middles.
Juan Alberto Barrero outscored Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavies.
(07-26-85)

▶**CARRARA**—Former WBA junior featherweight champion Loris Stecca stopped Nicaraguan veteran Cleo Garcia in five. Stecca is now 39-1-1 with 29 kayoes.
Olympic bronze medalist Angelo Musone halted Francis Sergent in the first round of a heavyweight mismatch.
Light middleweights Romolo Casamonica and Moktar D'Jelassi drew, six.
Efisio Galici stopped Raffaele Salamone in three, welters, for his 12th win.
Rinaldo Cacchioni and Fernando Blanco drew, six, light welterweights.
(07-27-85)

▶**PORTO TORRES, SARDINIA**—Bruno DeMontis outscored Claudio Nitti, eight, lightweights.
Mario Delogu outscored Mirsad Mahmutovic, six, welters.
Giuseppe Ferracuti outpointed Bofunga Eymono, six, junior lights.
(07-27-85)

▶**CASARANO**—Bruno Simili and Daniele Zappaterra drew, eight, light welters.
Tshikala Mwilabwe stopped Dzavid in five, lightweights.
Raffaele Grasso kayoed Raso Tigan in three, feathers.
(07-28-85)

MONACO

▶**MONTE CARLO—Louis II Stadium**—Milton McCrory retained his WBC welter crown by stopping Carlos Trujillo at 1:59 of the third round in a scheduled 12. A full report on this bout appeared in the October issue of *The Ring*.
Former European light heavyweight champions Richard Caramanolis and Arthel Lawhorne drew in a contest cut to seven rounds due to the CBS TV schedule.
Cordoba of Panama outpointed Andre Mongelema, eight, middles.
Light middleweight Marc Ruocco stopped Nazario Mariotti on cuts in round six.
Paul Muoydi upset Yugoslavian Miograd Perunovic with a fourth round stoppage on cuts, middles.
Sumbu Kalambay outscored Donald Bowers, eight, middles.
(07-14-85)

SPAIN

▶**CALATAYUD**—Heavyweight prospect Toyi Castro stopped Alex Cardoso in five.
Manuel (Gomez I) Gomez outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six, light middles.
(04-30-85)

▶**PALENCIA**—Jose Antonio Hernando outpointed Jose Maria Ibanez, eight, junior lightweights. Hernando now has seven wins.
(05-18-85)

▶**VIGO**—Carlos Miguel Rodriguez retained his Spanish lightweight title by stopping former champion Jesus Matilla in three.
Jose A. Hernando and Fernando Rodriguez drew, eight, junior lightweights.
Former amateur champion Alfredo (Fredy) Costas outscored Francisco Garcia de Pablo, six, middles.
(05-31-85)

▶**SAN SEBASTIAN**—Mikel Martin stopped Jorge Sala in five, light heavies.
(06-01-85)

▶**MADRID**—Agapito Gomez outscored Juan Montero, six, flyweights.
Former Spanish amateur champion Ramon Gallego outpointed Francisco Garcia de Pablo, six, middles.
(06-14-85)

▶**PALENCIA**—Jose Maria Ibanez and Vicente Fernandez drew, eight, featherweights.
(06-15-85)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
1. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
2. Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
6. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
7. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
8. Guido Trane (Italy)
9. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
10. Charley Graf (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alex Blanchard (Holland)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
4. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
5. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
6. Rufino Angulo (France)
7. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)
8. Genaro Mauriello (Italy)
9. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
10. Enrico Scacchia (Switzerland)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
1. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
4. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Pierre-Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Andre Mongelema (France)
8. Giovanni DeMarco (Italy)
9. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
10. Edmondo Buttiglione (Italy)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Georg Steinherr (Germany)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
6. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
7. Said Skouma (France)
8. Giuseppe Leto (Italy)
9. Emilio Sole (Spain)
10. Marc Ruocco (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
3. Nino LaRocca (Italy)
4. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
5. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
6. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
7. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
8. Brahim Messaoud (France)
9. Jose Varela (Germany)
10. Gaetano Caso (Italy)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
4. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
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9. Giovanni Carrino (Italy)
10. Tony Vivarelli (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (GGreat Britain)
2. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
3. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
4. Lucio Cusma (Italy)
5. Tony Willis [Great Britain)
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7. Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
2. Marco Gallo (Italy)
3. Daniel Londas (France)
4. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
5. Michel Siracusa (France)
6. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
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8. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
9. Vicente Macias (Spain)
10. Antonio Renzo (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Valerio Nati (Italy)
3. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
4. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
5. John Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
7. Kamel Djadda (France)
8. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
9. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
10. Vincenzo Limatola (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Ciro De Leva (Italy)
1. Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
2. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
3. John Farrell (Great Britain)
4. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
5. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
6. Jose I. Antunez (Spain)
7. Ray Webb (Great Britain)
8. Maurizio Lupino (Italy)
9. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
10. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Franco Cherchi (Italy)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
3. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Alain Limarol (France)
6. Dave (Boy) McAuley (Great Britain)
7. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)
8. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
9. Gary Roberts (Great Britain)
10. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)

▶**MADRID**—Jose (Kid) Bello stopped Fernando Gonzalez in five, light middles.
(06-21-85)

▶**MADRID**—Agapito Gomez outscored Blas Canovas, six, flyweights.
Ramon Gallego outpointed Julio Garcia Barcina, six, middles.
(06-28-85)

▶**LEON**—Former European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon returned to action as a lightweight and stopped Rafael Sanchez in five.
Alfonso Redondo kayoed Wilma Wamba in the fourth round, welters.
(06-29-85)

SWITZERLAND

▶**GENEVA**—Local middleweight Enricio Scacchia kayoed former WBC super lightweight champion Perico Fernandez in round four.
(06-07-85)

▶**FRAUENFELD**—Safir Traori Digibeli outscored Swiss heavyweight Andreas Andereg, eight. Andereg was down in the fifth session.
(06-28-85)

▶**ZURICH**—Featherweight Sepp Iten won a close decision over Dusan Radoslajevic, eight. Iten was down twice in the first round.
(06-28-85)

▶**ASCONA**—Olympic gold medalist Maurizio Stecca stopped Hadair Nourredine in the eighth round, feather. This was Stecca's ninth pro win.
Light middleweight Mauro Martelli stopped Idelfonso Martinez on a cut in four.
(07-06-85)

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AFRICA

KENYA

▶**MOMBASA**—African Boxing Union flyweight champion Steve Muchoki stopped Abbas Athumani of Tanzania in the fifth round of a non-title affair.
Mike Irungu knocked out Abel Mwakijing in a bantamweight support. Irungu is Muchoki's younger brother.
Kenyan Juma Kutonde kayoed Sali Dida in the first round, lightweights.
(07-03-85)

ZAMBIA

▶**LUSAKA**—John Sichula won the vacant Commonwealth junior lightweight crown by stopping Haste Sankisa in four. It was even for three rounds, but then Sichula opened up, and punched too hard for Sankisa.
Davies Kalyamba outscored Flywel Botha, eight, flyweights.
Zyalulu Zulu outpointed Emment Chileya.
(06-08-85)

▶**LUSAKA**—ABU light heavyweight champion Lotte Mwale outclassed Ghana's Fred Sabaath. Mwale scored five knockdowns before the bout was halted in the second.

Francis Musankabala returned to action, put on a great display of boxing, and won a lopsided decision over Ubele Anazor of Nigeria, 10, junior featherweights.

Heavyweight Mike Simwelu finished 38-year-old Big John Hugo of Tanzania in 1:20 of the first round.

Featherweight Raphael Chima stopped Ramazini Rasheed of Tanzania in two.

Welterweight Emmanuel Kimard gained revenge for Tanzania by knocking out Daniel Mased in round five.
(06-01-85)

▶**LUSAKA**—Mike Simwelu halted Captain Marvel of Zimbabwe in the first round.

Light heavyweight Enoch Chama outscored Flash Chisango of Zimbabwe, 10. This was Chama's second win over Chisango.

Matthews Mwape outscored Joseph Chola, 12, for the Zambian light middleweight title.

Andrew Chanda halted Evans Mbewe in four.
(07-08-85)

ZIMBABWE

▶**HWANGE**—ABU heavyweight champion Proud Kilimanjaro flattened Ghana's Joe Kalala in round six.

Middleweight Gilbert Josamu kayoed Miles Zimba in one.

Alex Disaster halted Godwin Mpofu in one.

Leon Chiwaya outpointed Michael Babalaas, six.
(06-08-85)

SOUTH AFRICA

Gerrie Coetzee (right) returned to action for the first time since losing the WBA heavyweight belt to Greg Page, outpointing James (Quick) Tillis over 10 rounds in South Africa.

TRANSVAAL

▶**JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Tennis Stadium**—Former WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee, 235, won a 10-round unanimous decision over James (Quick) Tillis, 217, in the main event of an all-heavyweight card.

Coetzee looked good, but his victory was not as clear cut as judges Snowball (99-93) and Schutte (99-94) suggested. Tillis landed often with his left, and a looping hook opened up a nasty cut under Coetzee's right eye in the fifth. The South African shook Tillis with good combos in the seventh, and repeated the same pattern in the eighth.

Coetzee's suspect right hand and thumb were reportedly swollen after the bout, but his manager, Thinis Strydom, said there was no cause for alarm.

South African heavyweight champion Pierre Coetzer TKO'd American Dion Simpson in the eighth round of their scheduled 10. Wally Snowball, referee.

Johnny Du Plooy TKO'd Howard Mpepesi in five.

Ron Ellis and Hanneks van den Berg drew, six.

Johan Laas outscored James Dixon, six.

Zisa Makhatini kayoed Peter Mphou in the first round.

Attendance—20,000 (estimated).
(09-07-85)

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JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Cheyenne Yamamoto, 135, and Eiji Okita, 134¼, drew, 10, Yamamoto retaining his Japanese lightweight crown. Yamamoto tired badly in the last three rounds, but still looked like the winner. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 97-96, Yamamoto; judge Kanaya, 96-96; judge Morita, 97-96, Okita.

Yamamoto, 26, is now 18-7-6 with 11 kayoes. Okita, 22, is 11-1-1 with five knockouts.

Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 126, knocked out Nobuharu Sekine, 127¾, with a beautiful left hook in 2:22 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Leopardo Tamakuma, 110¼, outscored Kinya Nakamura, also 110¼, eight.

Hiroyuki Motohashi, 139½, outpointed Keiji Kawade, 135½, six.

Kokusai Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,600 (estimated).
(08-22-85)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Gary Hubble, 173½, Australia, retained his Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over former Japanese middleweight champion Keitoku Senrima, 174¾, 12. Scoring: referee Chul-Hee Han (Korea), 115-113; judge Ryoji Kashiwagi (Japan), 117-115; judge Don Marks (Australia), 118-114. Hubble is now 8-13-3 with three knockouts. Senrima, a six-footer, is 11-8 with six kayoes.

Eijiro Kuruma, 125¾, regained his Japanese featherweight title by demolishing Tatsunari Hisahiro, 126, in 2:11 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Hisahiro took a standing eight-count in round three, and took a heavy beating until referee Nobumitsu Inukai stopped the bout after two knockouts in the sixth.

Kuruma, 26, a good body puncher, is now 24-7-3 with eight knockouts. Hisahiro, 22, is 11-5 with nine kayoes.

Lanky Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 121, knocked out Kazuhiro Matsuda, 119¾, in 3:09 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Nomaguchi is now 11-1 with nine kayoes. Matsuda is 9-6-2 with four knockouts.

Paul Toweel, 156½, Australia, halted slower Hideo Kawamoto, also 156½, at 0:50 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Kobe Promotions. Kansai TV.

Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
(08-23-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yukihiro Kimura, 121¼, outscored Moriyoshi Wada, 122, eight.

No telecast.

Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
(08-25-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tomohiro Kiyuna, 107½, Okinawa, won the Japanese junior flyweight title with a split decision over defending champion Yoshiaki Nojima, 108, 10. Kiyuna won it on aggressiveness. Scoring: referee Kazunobu Asao, 98-96, Kiyuna; judge Takeo Ugo, 98-97, Kiyuna; judge Shoji Nakamori, 97-96, Nojima. *The Ring* had it 97-97.

Kiyuna, the WBC's 16th ranked light flyweight, is now 14-1 with seven knockouts. Nojima is 18-8-4 with two kayoes.

Mitsuru Sugiya, 126, won a lopsided unanimous decision over southpaw Keiji Kawamura, also 126, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-93; judges Shoji Nakamori and Kazuo Abe, both 98-92.

Sugiya, who deserves a shot at Eijiro Kuruma's Japanese featherweight title, is now 16-1 with 10 kayoes. Kawamura, down in rounds five and 10, is 15-6-1 with nine knockouts.

World Sports Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,700 (estimated).
(08-26-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yoshiyuki Uchida, 117¼, knocked out former WBC flyweight champion Koji Kobayashi, 119, in 1:30 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

The 5'8" Kobayashi, a southpaw, was decked in rounds one and two by solid rights. A volley of hard lefts and rights dropped him again in the seventh. He rose, but then was floored again, and referee Hiroyuki Tezaki counted him out.

Uchida is now 18-1-1 with 16 knockouts. Kobayashi, who will probably retire, is 24-4-3 with 15 kayoes.

Former All-Japan high school champion Hideyuki Ohashi, 107½, dropped Tadashi Kuramochi, 108, three times for an automatic kayo at 2:47 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Ken Morita, referee.

The 20-year-old Ohashi, who compiled a 44-3 amateur record, is now 3-0 as a pro. Kuramochi, 23, is 12-4-2.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,650.
(08-27-85)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Fujio Ozaki, 145, TKO'd former champion Junya Kushikino, 146¼, at the end of the eighth round in a scheduled 10 to retain his Japanese welterweight title.

Kushikino was decked twice in the first round and suffered a big gash over the left eyebrow from a clash of heads. Ozaki gradually increased his lead, and Kushikino was advised not to answer the bell for round nine.

Ozaki, 23, is now 17-3 with eight kayoes. Kushikino, 31, is 29-15 with 24 knockouts.

Yoshikazu Kurashita, 111½, kayoed Takashi Hirata, also 111½, in 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Kurashita is now 9-4 with seven knockouts.

Tsuyoshi Ogawa, 135, won a unanimous decision over Kazuo Tahara, 134½, six.

Shinko Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—700 (estimated).
(08-29-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mitsuo Imazato, 118, retained his Japanese bantamweight crown with a TKO over Norio Hasegawa, also 118, at 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Hasegawa, battered from all angles, suffered a bad cut that forced referee Takeshi Shimakawa to stop the bout. Imazato, managed by Fighting Harada, is now 20-8 with 10 knockouts. Hasegawa, 25, is 8-6-4 with two knockouts.

Seiji Tomari, 108½, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Rikuo Watanabe, 107¾, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 98-95; judge Shoichi Kanaya, 98-94; judge Kazunobu Asao, 98-93.

Toa Fighting Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(09-05-85)

▶**NOTES**—The All-Japan Boxing Association has produced a videotape on ring safety in cooperation with Dr. Suzuki, the JBC ring physician. The tape will be distributed to approximately 200 licensed boxing clubs.

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KOREA

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jung-Koo Chang, 108, retained his WBC light flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Francisco Montiel, 106¼, 12. A full report on this bout appeared in the November issue of *The Ring*.

Robinson Cabusao, 115¾, Philippines, outpointed Tae-Youl Suh, 116, 10. Cabusao, the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's top ranked junior bantamweight contender, is now 26-5 with eight knockouts. Suh is 11-1 with eight kayoes.

Hae-Dong Kim, 109¾, outscored Ul-Chul Chung, also 109¾, eight.

Jung-Hyun Kim, 110¼, and Shi-Hyuk Chang, 110, drew, six.

Ung-Kyu Son, 134, halted Young-Ho Kim, 134¾, at 2:40 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

World Promotions. KBS TV.
(08-04-85)

▶**BUCHUN—National School Auditorium**—Korean junior flyweight champion Cho-Woon Park, 110¼, kayoed Dadoy An-

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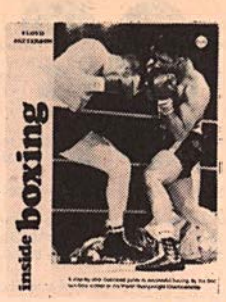

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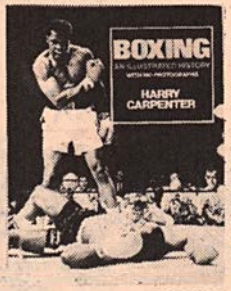

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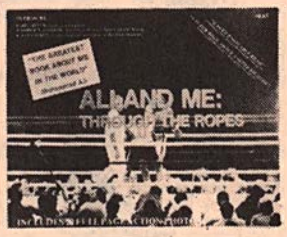

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dujar, 110, Philippines, in 0:12 of round seven in a scheduled 10. Park is now 13-1-1 with three kayoes. Andujar is 10-4-1 with five knockouts.

Former Korean bantamweight titlist Dong-Chun Lee, 114½, won the vacant national junior bantam title by outscoring Chang-Woo Lee, 114¼, 10. Dong-Chun, the WBC's ninth ranked super flyweight, is now 22-6-1 with nine knockouts. Chang-Woo is 8-3-4 with one knockout.

Young-Hyun Han, 109¾, outpointed Ki-Jung Lee, 110, eight.

Chul Kang, 141¾, stopped Jin-Hyun Oh, 141, at 2:04 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Palpal Promotions.

(08-17-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chong-Bae Chang, 159¾, retained his Korean middleweight crown by stopping southpaw Soo-Hang Lee, 159½, at 0:50 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Chang is now 8-4-2 with five kayoes. The taller Lee is 5-5-1 with four knockouts.

Chong-Jin Chung, 117¾, retained his Korean bantam title by outscoring Bong-Ho Lee, also 117¾, 10. Chong is now 11-0-4. Lee is 11-4-2.

Ok-Yong Kim, 132¼, outscored Gun-Sun Park, 131¾, 10. Kim is now 11-3-3. Park is 8-1 with four kayoes.

Chang-Bae Ahn, 123¼, outpointed Sung-Kyu Cho, 123½, six.

Sowkang Promotions.

(08-24-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chan-Young Park, 123, handed out a beating to Fel Malatag, also 123, Philippines, dropping him with a straight right in the fourth round, and TKO'd him at 2:07 of the 10th and final frame. Park, the WBA's second ranked bantamweight contender, is now 22-3-1 with six kayoes. Malatag is 26-11-4 with four knockouts.

Bong-Chul Kim, 160¾, and Uang-Sup Lee, 160, drew, eight.

Ha-Shik Lim, 110, outpointed Chang-Yung Chang, 109¾, eight.

Jae-Chun Lee, 116¾, and Hun-Duk Chung, 117¼, drew, six.

(08-25-85)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rolando Bohol, 113, won a unanimous decision over Dommy Ursua, 113½, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Sugar Ray Adonis, 131, won a unanimous decision over Eugenio Nardo, Jr., 131½, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Rey Arceta, 122, outscored Fel Aporto, also 122, 10.

Louie Gonzales, 112½, outscored Yuri Santos, 114, eight.

Maggie Bona, 118, outpointed Lao Ero, also 118, eight.

Ronnie Vallescas, 110½, outscored Johnny Siok, also 110½, eight.

Bert Granciosa, 123, outpointed Leo Dozal, 119½, six.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

(07-03-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Alberto Saxon, 133½, won a unanimous decision over Deo Rabago, 113¼, 10. Erbito Salavarria, referee.

Allan Makitoki, 119¾, won a split duke over Little Puncher, 120, 10.

Nilo Alamag, 129¾, outscored Andy Saxon, 129, 10.

Bert Pucay, 122, stopped Bert Gomez, 121, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Bernabe Aliping, 126, stopped Carlos Castigador, 125, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Elmer Pendog, 132, outpointed Salvador Antonio, also 132, six.

Sammy Baculong, 112½, won a majority decision over Sammy Ansig, 114, six.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Carlos Roman.

(07-04-85)

▶**MANILA—Eduardo's Supper Club**—Rudy Cabiles, 126¼, won an upset decision over Amado Cabato, 125½, 10.

Little Bangoyan, 120½, outscored Anthony Paloso, 120, 10.

Lion Collins, 113, outpointed Felix Enero, 115, six.

Rey Villaflores, 122, outscored Wilson Rigo, 123¾, six.

Promoter—Armando Bangoyan.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Virgilio de los Reyes.

(07-04-85)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Ver Libardilla, 115, TKO'd Rey Tarrosa, 116, midway in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Promoter—Roberto Yabut.

(07-16-85)

▶**PASIG, METRO MANILA**—IBF junior flyweight champion Dodie Penalosa, 111½, a southpaw, won a unanimous decision over former WBA title holder Amado Ursua, also 111½, Mexico, 10.

Former WBC flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Hugo Partida, also 118½, 10.

Amy Pacana, 136, TKO'd Ruben Rabago, 140, at 2:10 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.

Luisito Espinosa, 112, outpointed Romy Navarrete, 111, 10. Romy is the younger brother of former WBC super featherweight champion Rolando Navarrete.

Jun Cedeno, 111½, and Wilson Apurado, 112, drew, six.

Leonardo Calmona, 131, outscored Boy Escarten, 127, six.

Promoter—Jesse Abrea.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Carlos Roman.

(07-19-85)

▶**BULACAN—Marilao Cockpit Arena**—Boy Samson, 113, won a technical decision over Faustino Simbajon, also 113, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Samson sustained a bad cut on the forehead from an accidental butt.

Roger Pilapil, 117, outscored Ed Adame, 111¾, 10.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Roman.

(07-20-85)

▶**GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Dadoy Andujar, 113, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Promo, also 113, 10. Andujar is the IBF's fourth ranked junior flyweight.

Former Filipino junior flyweight champion Jun Resma, 121, won a majority decision over Joe Guevarra, also 121, 10.

Carlos Parcia, 137, won a unanimous decision over Chris Ladera, 138, 10.

Boy Morales, 130, won a technical decision over Ric Saulda, 129, in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Flash Rockman, 120, outscored Boya Caballes, 121, 10.

Promoter—Benjamin Aguirre.

(07-20-85)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Jun Arbas, 124, won a unanimous decision over Little Bangoyan, also 124, 10.

Promoter—Antonio Almirante.

(07-20-85)

▶**IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Jojo Cayson, 131, won a split decision over Flash Ursua, 130, 10.

Promoter—Calixto Barbas.

(07-21-85)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Flash Emmanuel, 122, won a majority decision over Abel Magracia, 124½, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Rey Torrenski, 112½, won a split decision over Paul Torres, 112, 10.

Edison Salads, 135, TKO'd Elmer le Nardo, also 135, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Romy Patusa, 114½, and Elmer Guevarra, 115, drew, six.

Promoter—Felimon Vasquez.

GAB witnesses—Virgilio de los Reyes, Leonardo Trinidad.

(07-26-85)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABTO**—Elmer Cubillas, 119, won a majority decision over Boy Lou Perez, 119, 10.

Rudy Castillon, 120, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Amad, 122, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(07-27-85)

▶**MINGLANILLA, CEBU**—Benjie Miole, 115, knocked out Romeo San Juan, 112, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Ernie Sanico, 124, TKO'd Boy Caballes, 125, in the third round of their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Roberto Edillo.

(07-27-85)

▶**MALABON, METRO MANILA**—Bobby Pinos, 122½, won a technical decision over Boy Abuela, 124¾, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Lou Marbe, Jr., 113, won a majority decision over Lucky Boy Camacho, 113½, 10. Erbito Salavarria, referee.

Pretty Boy Lucas, 108, outscored Robet Palarit, 110, 10.

Willie Bernade, 119¾, outscored Danny Marino, 119½, eight.

Flash Dulcero, 128¼, outpointed Virgilio Berdeflor, 130, six.

Promoter—Romegio A. Cortez.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Carlos Roman.

(07-27-85)

▶**BAGUMBAYAN, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Tony Manulang, 130, outscored Ed Cordova, 133, 10.

Promoter—Carmenlino Buenaflor.

(07-29-85)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Bert Pucay, 122, won a unanimous decision over Anthony Paloso, 123, 10. S. Abainza, referee.

Danny Abangla, 128, TKO'd Nestor Tachado, also 128, at 2:02 of the 10th and final round.

Bernabe Aliping, 126, stopped Mario Villegas, 121, at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Elmer Pendog, 125, outpointed Rico Sacragon, 121½, six.

Sammy Baculong, 113, outscored Jhun Mark Camacho, 112, six.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(07-27-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Momong Manaay, 126, TKO'd Al Llanita, also 126, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12. Tom Evaristo, referee.

Edel Geronimo, 113, halted Elyser Guevarra, 113½, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Tito Gregorio, 116½, and Orlando Gutierrez, 116, drew, 10.

Nick Dalisay, 114½, won a unanimous decision over Joseph Lapide, 115, 10.

Ed Hemo, 110, won a unanimous decision over Sonny Altarejos, 108½, six.

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GAB witnesses—Silvestre Tuazon, Fidel Arcenas.

(07-30-85)

▶**MONKAYO, DAVO DEL NORTE**—Rene Aroy, 131, won a unanimous decision over Ben Sarte, 130, 10.

Promoter—Angel Ruyeras.

(07-29-85)

▶**LAPULAPU CITY**—Titing Dignos, 110¾, TKO'd Rolando Navares, 110¼, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Christopher Aranco.

(07-31-85)

With great thanks to Luis A. Tabuna, president of the Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines, and Eduardo C. Valasco, chief of the GAB's boxing division.

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THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Sinkrungthon, 119, halted Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 117, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(08-05-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tanjai Kiattavatchai, 107, knocked out veteran Taksin Muangsurin, 105, in the first round of a scheduled six. Kiattavatchai is now 3-0 with two kayoes.

(08-06-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pansaknoi Kiatkisorn, 135, halted Samor Laudaryuthaya, 133, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Kiatkisorn has now beaten Laudaryuthaya three times in as many bouts.

(08-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 116, halted Chorpetch S. Boonyarat, 119, in the sixth and final round of an exciting bout.

(08-09-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai flyweight champion Nongberd Naphataya, 115, kayoed Numchai Wangthong, 116, in the first round of a scheduled six-round daytime bout for TV Channel 7.

Sombutryod Singsamang, 118, demolished Somdech Kiatsongyos, 119, in the third round of a scheduled six-round bout that night.

(08-10-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champion Downthong Chuvatana, 137, stoppekd Korean Hwa-Yung Song, 135, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10-frame daytime contest. Song was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round.

Daomai Sithkodome, 119, TKO'd Srithanya Sithsaneh, 116, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round bout that night. An elbow to Sithsaneh's left ear opened a bad cut.

(08-11-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior bantamweight champion Petchngam Chuvatana, 116, halted Downoi Sithsanae, also 116, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(08-12-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samkan Chuvatana, 119, stopped Pohnamngern Sithsrimok, also 119, in the fifth round of a scheduled six

(08-14-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 119, knocked out Laemthong Sor Vorasingh, also 119, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round daytime bout. Laemthong is a nephew of former WBC light flyweight champion Netrnoi.

Thai junior welterweight champion Thai Suracharern, 141, halted Jaosuriya Somtangguijab, 139, in the first round of a scheduled six that night.

(08-17-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chor Chutirat, 120, won an upset verdict over Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, also 120, six.

(08-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjaedee, 112, won an upset decision over Chokchai Kiatvichiar, also 112, six.

(08-22-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yungyai Petchvichan, 122, retained his Lumpinee Stadium junior featherweight crown with a unanimous (49-46, 49-44, 48-44) decision over Kongnapha Singthorchao, also 122, 10.

(08-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Suranaree Stadium**—WBA junior bantamweight champion Kaosai Galaxy knocked out Filipino Fel Aporto with a left uppercut in the second round of a scheduled four-round exhibition for charity.

(08-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Saipha Sorthanikul, 119, won a unanimous decision over Phornmongkol Sithkodome, 117, six.

(08-26-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon, 107, won an upset decision over Thai junior flyweight champion Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, 110, eight. Sithnaruepon came on in the last two rounds to take the verdict.

(08-28-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yodkwan Donjadee, 132, won the vacant Lumpinee Stadium lightweight crown with a ninth round TKO over Pornnarai Sithumnaoy, 135, in a scheduled 10. Donjadee was decked in round two, but Sithumnaoy sustained a bad cut on the left eyebrow that forced the referee to stop the contest.

(08-30-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 117, halted former amateur champion Charnchainoi Looknongkai, 121, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Meeprasert is the TBC's top ranked junior bantamweight contender.

(08-31-85)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**WOY WOY—Leagues Club**—Peter Batty, 145½, and John

Maletino, 152¼, drew, 10. Freddie Wicks, referee.
Andy Whitton, 119, kayoed Darren Jenkins, 123½, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Miguel Pimentel, 152¼, outpointed Robbie Fowler, 142¼, six.
Ian Landkauf, 156½, stopped Mick Selvage, 150, on a cut in the first round of a scheduled four.
(08-11-85)

▶**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Peter Mitrevski, 110¾, won the vacant New South Wales State flyweight title when John Dabbene, 111¼, could not continue after round three in a scheduled 10. Dabbene had fallen out of the ring in the second round and hurt his back.
Charlie Lewis, 135¼, outscored Andy Faulkner, 131¾, six.
Les Mathers, 157¼, stopped John Piggot, 153¾, on a cut in the sixth and final round. Piggot was ahead on points.
Four-rounders: Eighty Cents, 138¾, outscored Jimmy Henry, 132¾. Smokey Glover, 179, kayoed Peter Kahn, 175¾, in two. Robert Newton, 153¾, halted Ross Felton, 146¼, in two.
(08-21-85)

▶**HOMEBUSH—State Sports Centre**—Jeff Fenech, 117½, retained his IBF bantamweight title by stopping former champion Satoshi Shingaki, 117, Japan, at the end of three runds in a scheduled 15 in this Sydney suburb. Jay Edson, referee. A cut on the right eyebrow from a left hook forced the stoppage. Judges Takeo Sugamon (Japan), Lou Tabat (U.S.), and John Wright (Australia) all had Fenech comfortably well ahead.
Fenech is now 10-0—all knockouts.
Lito Pena, 132½, Philippines, outscored Australian Norm Stevens, 133, in a very good eight that drew a shower of notes and coins. One of the coins hit IBF vice president James Stevenson on the head. He bled almost as much as did Shingaki.
Marty Feighan, 128, outscored Russell Finn, 127, eight.
Jeff Malcolm, 148, outpointed Ronald Doo, 146, eight.
Dean Waters, 220½, outscored Maile Haumona, 221, six.
Attendance—5,300.
(08-23-85)

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Glenn Collis, 144¾, won a unanimous decision over Peter Sierota, 145, 10. Referee Joe Keegan carded 99-94, and both the judges saw it 99-93.
Tony Porrata, 166¼, outscored veteran Paul Donnelly, 187½.
Robbie Fowler, 147¾, outscored Jimmy Henry, 132¼, six.
Stuart Weeks, 141½, outpointed Shane Grant, 156½, four.
(08-27-85)

QUEENSLAND

▶**ROCKHAMPTON—Police Youth Club**—Junior Thompson, 112, won the vacant Queensland State flyweight title by stopping Shane Fooks, also 112, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Fooks was decked late in the first round and early in the second before referee Billy Dunnett stepped in.
Roger Henry, 130, halted Shane Spencer, 134½, in the 10th and final session.
Six-rounders: Steve Peel, 147¾, outscored Danny Davies, also 147¾. Rod Price, 152¼, outscored Graeme Jeffries, 138¾. Bobby Mastro, 127¾, outpointed Roy Saunders, 125¾.
(08- -85)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Unbeaten Dale Artango, 137½, stopped Filipino Jong Jong Pacquing, 135½, on a cut in round five. Alan Moore, referee.
Australian middleweight champion Emmanuel Otti, 161½, and Fijian Joe Nitiva, 163, drew, 10. Not an exciting contest.
Russell Johnson, 159½, outscored Alex Tui, 165, eight.
Larry Moni, 148, knocked out Aaron Don Carlos, 141, in 0:37 of the first round in a scheduled six.
(08-26-85)

▶**MANSFIELD—Tavern**—Australian junior light heavyweight champion Doug Sam, 168, stopped Fijian Lorima Niumataiwalu, 167, who failed to answer the bell for the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Sam had won all of the first four rounds.
Tiger Mann, 127, New Guinea, knocked out previously unbeaten Ken Richards, 130, in the third round of a scheduled eight with a right rip to the body. Richards won the first two rounds. Jeff White, referee.
Guy Parker, 155, outpointed Gary Tomlinson, 158, six.
Roy Saunders, 130, and Ken Crilly, 136, drew, six.
(09-09-85)

VICTORIA

▶**GEELONG—Italian Social Club**—Rocky Pirrottina, 138¾, won a unanimous decision over Shane Rank, 137¾, 10. Malcolm Bulner, referee. Bryan Membrey and Norm Foster, judges.
Former Australian amateur champion Wilf Gentzen, 143¼, halted Robbie Fowler, 147¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Gentzen is now 20-0—two knockouts.
Ken Carter, 141, outscored Bill Stephanovski, 140, six.
Richard Corrigan, 130, stopped Shane Cameron, 123½, in the third round of a scheduled four.
Chris Felix, 152¼, knocked out Graeme McKenzie, 147¾, in the second round of a scheduled three.
Vince Cervi, 172, kayoed Glenn Irvine, 167½, in the first round of their scheduled three.
(08-23-85)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**KALGOORLIE—Sports Centre**—Boxing flourished in this gold town at the turn of the century, but there had been no pro bouts in some time when two tens headlined.
Tony Jones, 137½, stopped Brian Roberts, 140, Sydney, in round seven on a cut. Jones was well in charge, and had won every round.
Chad Hill, 161, won the Western Australian light heavyweight title by outpointing Alan Black, 174¼. Black was down twice.
Lorne Lehmann, 135½, outpointed debuting Tony Cafaro, 136¾, six. Tony is a brother of Lou Cafaro, who is scheduled to fight for the Australian middleweight title in Perth.
(09-02-85)

RAY MITCHELL

WORLD RATINGS
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(As of October 1, 1985)

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3. Carl Williams (U.S.)
4. Trevor Berbick (U.S.)
5. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
6. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
7. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
8. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
9. David Bey (U.S.)
10. James Broad (U.S.)
11. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
12. Jesse Ferguson (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
7. Piet Crous (South Africa)
8. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
9. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
10. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
11. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
12. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
3. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Prince Mama Muhammad (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
8. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
9. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
10. Junior Edmond (U.S.)
11. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
12. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
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3. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
4. Ken Shannon (U.S.)
5. David Braxton (U.S.)
6. Mark Medal (U.S.)
7. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
8. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
9. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
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6. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
7. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
8. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
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10. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
11. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
12. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)

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6. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
7. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
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3. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
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5. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
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7. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
8. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
9. Bobby Chacon (U.S.)
10. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
11. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
12. Mark Fernandez (U.S.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
1. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
2. Richard Savage (U.S.)
3. Kwon Churl (Korea)
4. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
5. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
6. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
7. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
8. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
9. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
10. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
11. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
12. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
6. Seung-In Soo (Korea)
7. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
8. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
10. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
11. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
12. Juan (Kid) Meza (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
3. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
4. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
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8. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
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Elly Pical (Indonesia)
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3. Jae-Honz Kim (Korea)
4. Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
5. Henry Brent (U.S.)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
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12. Antoine Montero (France)

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2. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
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14. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
15. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
16. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
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11. Davey Moore (U.S.)
12. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
13. Mark Medal (U.S.)
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5. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
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7. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
8. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
9. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
10. Simon Brown (U.S.)
11. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
12. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
13. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
14. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
15. Luis Santana (U.S.)
16. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
17. Brian Janssen (Australia)
18. Pablo Baez (Dominican Rep.)
19. Robert Rucker (U.S.)
20. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)

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Champion
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11. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
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13. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
14. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
15. Harry Arroyo (U.S.)
16. Rene Weller (Germany)
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18. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
19. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
20. Antonio Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

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8. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
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10. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
11. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
12. Isaiah Ikhoni (Japan)
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14. Daniel Londas (France)
15. Raphe Sims (U.S.)
16. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
17. Chong-Wong Chung (Korea)
18. Lester Ellis (Australia)
19. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)
20. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
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3. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
4. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
5. Richard Savage (U.S.)
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13. Dana Roston (U.S.)
14. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
15. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
16. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
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18. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
19. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
20. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)

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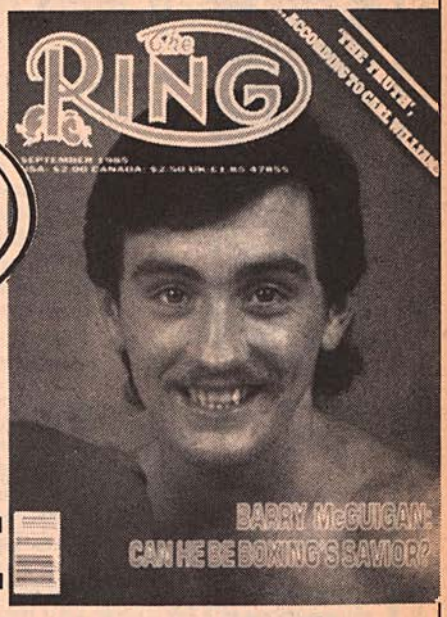

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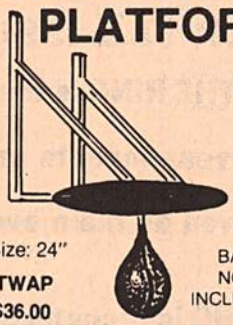

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Tim Witherspoon KO4 Sammy Scaff
Frank Bruno KO4 Anders Eklund
(Won European Title)
Hughroy Currie W12 Funso Banjo
(Won Vacant British Title)
George Chaplin W10 Melvin Epps
Eddie Gregg W10 Mike Perkins
Francesco Damiani KO5 Felipe Rodriguez
Denroy Bryan KO7 Ian Priest
Ron Ellis W8 Derrick Williams
Lee Canalito KO7 Steve Zouski
Tom Fisher KO1 Herb Adams
Henry Tillman W6 Richard Scott
Mike Tyson KO1 Donnie Long

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Bernard Benton W12 Alfonzo Ratliff
(Won WBC Title)
Jesse Shelby KO9 Tom Trimm
(Won Vacant Texas State Title)
Jose Flores Burlon KO5 Roberto Cardozo
Jose Dascola W10 Hugo Rufino

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Willie Edwards W12 Anthony Witherspoon
(Retained NABF Title)
Marvin Johnson KO4 Rollie Searcey
Charlie Williams KO6 Mike Fisher
J.B. Williamson W12 Grover Robinson
Eddie Melo KO4 Tony Curovic
Lionel Byrarm W10 James Williams
Poncho Carter KO2 Jay Strickland
Eric Holley KO3 Mike Norris
Miguel Maldonado W10 Jorge Salgado
Mike Sedillo KO7 Ian Mattis
Nestor Giovannini W10 Victor Robledo
Chris Reid KO1 Dave Overton
Chris Reid KO7 Hugh Johnson
Fred Guzman KO1 Mike Randle
Kelvin Kelly W8 Keith Vining

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

John Collins KO5 Mike Landini
Sumbu Kalambay W12 Giovanni DeMarco
(Won Italian Title)
Dwight Walker W10 Wilford Scypion
Errol Christie KO2 Barry Audia
Juan Carlos Gimenez KO4 Angel Caro
Jeff Lanas W10 Tony Golden
Vincent Boulware KO3 Lloyd Richardson
Michael Nunn W8 Charles Campbell
Roberto Ruiz W8 Darwin Brewster

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Buster Drayton KO6 John Jarvis
Fred Hutchings KO4 Johnny Nava
Ramon Ramos KO9 Enrique Areco
Kenny Snow KO7 Bobby McCorvey
Luciano Bruno W6 Wa Bolamba
Sabiyala Diavilia KO4 Chris Pyatt
Terry Magee W10 Franki Moro

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sylvester Mittee W12 Kostas Petrou
(Won British Title)
William Clayton KO3 Robert Rucker
Vincent Pettway KO5 Keith Corbett
Lloyd Honeyghan KO4 Ralph Twinning
Miguel Angel Arroyo W10 Juan Barbozo
Adolfo Arce Rossi W10 Jorge Pino
Antonio Juarez W10 Ramon Abeldano
Lloyd Taylor W10 Robert Sawyer
Felipe Montellano W8 Junie Nash
Hugh Kearney W8 Jimmy Muse
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

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Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez KO5 Luis Urraca
Fred Pendleton KO6 Darryl Martin
(Won Pennsylvania State Title)
Ramon Jara D10 Osvaldo Maldonado
Ricky Young W10 David Taylor
Tyrone Trice W10 Tyrone Moore
John Meekins W10 Joey Ferrell
Buddy McGirt KO7 Jose Luis Alejandro
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Vinnie Pazienza W10 Jeff Bumpus
Grant Walters KO6 Gregg Edelman
Mitchell Julien KO4 Benny Quintero
Darren Van Horn KO4 Pablo Valdez

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sammy Fuentes KO7 Harry Arroyo
Bobby Chacon KO5 Rafael Solis
Shelton LeBlanc W12 Dwayne Prim
(Retained Southern Boxing Assn. Title)
Jesus Romero W12 Luis Armando Soto
(Retained Argentine Title)
Edwin Curet KO8 Gary Williams
Mario Fernandez KO3 Ricardo Castro
Walter Sims W10 Bret Summers
Eddie Van Kirk W10 Jose (Speedy) Gonzales
Danny Vargas W8 Marvin Garris
Tracy Spann KO2 Darrell Richardson
Pedro Avila D10 Jorge Delgado
Larry Villarreal KO3 J.T. Walker

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Julio Cesar Chavez W12 Dwight Pratchett
(Retained WBC Title)
Tyrone Jackson KO1 Rosendo Alonso
(Won Continental Americas Title)
Anthony English W10 J.L. Ivey
Marco Gallo KO10 Guiseppe La Vite
(Retained Italian Title)
Steve Sims W10 Steve Cleak
(Won Vacant Welsh Title)
Armando Gutierrez W10 Faustino Barrios
Julio Miranda W10 Reynaldo Cazon Cadena
Alberto Aragon KO4 Faustino Blanco
Tony Lopez KO3 Ramon Almaguer
Mario Miranda KO4 Perico Barbosa
Kenneth Vice KO8 Jeff Goodwin
Johnny de la Rosa W8 Jeff Goodwin
Johnny de la Rosa W8 Jose Gonzalez
Andy Minsker W8 Lamar Baker

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Barry McGuigan KO7 Bernard Taylor
(Retained WBA Title)
Azumah Nelson KO1 Pat Cowdell
(Retained WBC Title)
Baby Joe Ruelas W12 Tommy Cordova
(Won Vacant NABF Title)
Calvin Grove W10 Paul DeVorce
Marcos Villasana KO3 Ricardo Varela
Ramon Soria D10 Jose Mario Lopez
Chris Silvas KO2 Daniel Rivera

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Mike Ayala W12 Pascual Aranda
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Paulie Ayala KO5 Edgar Muniz
Al Rangel W8 Cenobio Saucedo
Raul Gomez W10 Juan Araneda Bazan
Pedro Decima KO3 Miguel Francia
Kaoru Yoshioka KO10 Masayuki Takagi
Maurizio Stecca KO2 Donald Bryan
Jesse Benavides kO2 Eddie Gonzales
Sonny fLong KO3 D.D. Green
Eusebio Espial KO5 Pepe Vasquez
Bryan Jones W8 Fred Reed Hall
Robert Shannon W8 Ralph Gutierrez

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jiro Watanabe KO7 Kazuo Katasuma
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Greg Richardson W12 James Tolliver
(Won Ohio State Junior Bantamweight Title)
Hurley Snead NC12 Freddie Jackson
(Retained USBA Title)
Sam David KO12 Ray Minus
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Lucio Lopez KO6 Carlos Henrique Alves
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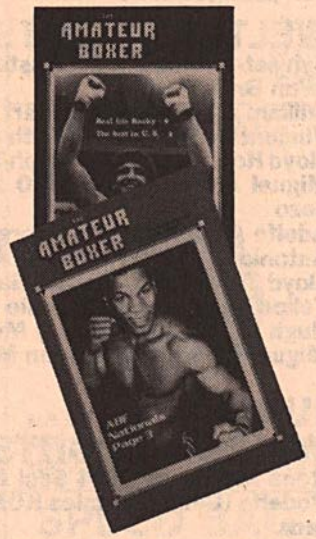

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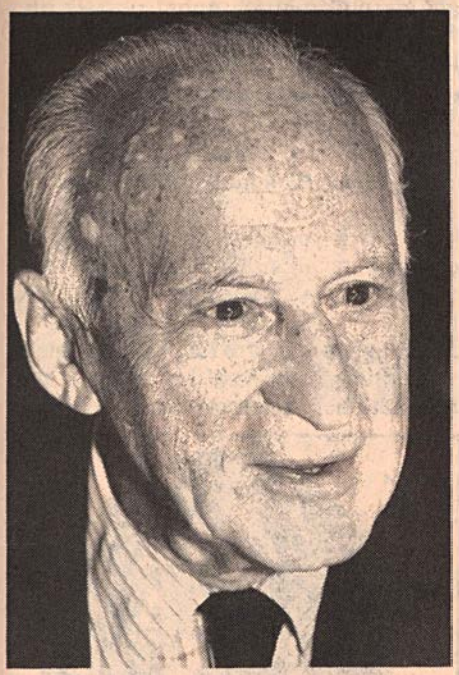

Veteran trainer Ray Arcel was recently honored by New York Governor Mario Cuomo at a diner held at the World Trade Center.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR MARIO CUOMO was on hand at the World Trade Center to help honor veteran trainer Ray Arcel. Ray, who recently celebrated his 86th birthday, has been in boxing for the past 65 years and richly deserved the honor the city of New York bestowed on him. Ray has worked with over 20 world champions from Charlie Phil Rosenberg through Larry Holmes. All told, Ray has trained, or helped train over 2,000 professional fighters. He came out of retirement 14 years ago to work with Roberto Duran, preparing the Panamanian legend for some of his biggest fights. Many of Ray's pupils and friends were on hand to help him celebrate. They included: Johnny Colan, Danny Kapilow, Carmine Fatta, Artie Levine, Johnny DeFoe, Charlie Gellman, Jose Torres, Willie Pep, Jake LaMotta, Tippy Larkin, Melio Bettina, Phil Terranova, Tino Raino, Bill Graham, Sandy Saddler, Herbie Kronowitz, Sammy Farber, Ted Wint and many others.

THIS FALL THE INTERNATIONAL VETeran Boxers Association held their 18th annual convention at the World International Lafayette Motor Inn in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Among those honored were: Bobby Brandt, Taylor Smith, Johnny Borozzi, Al Flora, Gene Palecco and Frankie Vinci. Delegations from Baltimore, Md., Providence, R.I., Harrisburg, Pa., New York, N.Y., Newark, N.J., Syracuse, N.Y., Paterson, N.J., and Detroit, Mich., were in attendance. IVBA president Scoop Gallello and Al Salkowski, president of Ring 101, did a fine job coordinating the affair. A good time was had by all.

THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY feted undisputed middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler and his brother Robbie Sims. Both Hagler and Sims joined Newark City Council president Ralph T. Grant in a motorcade down Broad Street to City Hall. During the official ceremonies, Mayor Kenneth Gibson presented Marvin with the key to the city. Hagler was born and raised in Newark, moving to his current home, Brockton, Mass., in 1969.

FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT OF THE 1940S, Vic Grupio, of San Francisco, recently retired from his job with the Newspaper and Periodical Drivers and Helpers Local No. 921. He had been their business agent since 1973. He was also a former president and vice president of the union. As a fighter, Vic was a smooth punching southpaw managed by the late Joe Herman. He fought the likes of Charley Smith, Doug Carter, Buster Tyler, Larry Cisneros, Willie Joyce, Bernard Docusen, Phil Palmer, and Eddie Marcus. West Coast fans dubbed Vic the "Willie Pep of the Southpaws." He retired in 1948, but continued his involvement as a trainer and cornerman, working with former lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, and heavyweight contender Thad Spenser. Vic is currently helping California junior welterweight Andy Nance.

IVB RING 32 OF DETROIT HELD THEIR 19th annual banquet at the Lakeland Motor Manor in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. A large turnout was on hand to honor the 1935 Golden Gloves Champions: Patsy Urso (112 lbs.), Edgar Whaling (118 lbs.), Eddie Futch (135 lbs.), and Dave Clark (160 lbs.) . . . all still living. The deceased team members were: Al Nettlow (126 lbs.), Al Strong (147 lbs.), Clinton Bridges (175 lbs.) and Lorenzo Pack (heavyweight). Jimmy Paul, the current IBF lightweight champion was the guest speaker.

ODDS & ENDS: THE OLD JOE HERman/Billy Martin gym in San Francisco recently closed its doors for the last time after operating for the past 61 years. Present co-owners Don Stewart and Joe Lucero, are hoping to relocate . . . former world flyweight champion Corporal Izzy Schwartz is in a nursing home . . . also on the sick list are former middleweight champion Ben Jeby and Solly Seeman. All three are members of the IVBA Ring 8 in New York . . . let's remember all of them in our daily prayers.

THE LAST ROUND: PAULINO UZCUdun, 86, former European heavyweight champion recently passed away at his home in Torrelaguna, Spain. Uacudun retired from the ring in 1935. He was kayoed by Joe Louis in 1935 before Joe won the world title.

FREDDIE ARCHER, 63, FORMER WELterweight from Newark, died in late August at his home in Hazlet, New Jersey. Freddie was a real crowd-pleaser who took on all comers, defeating Fritzie Zivic (twice), Ike Williams, Beau Jack (twice), Bobby Ruffin, Terry Young, Cleo Sans, Chester Rico and Norman Rubino. Archer was a retired ironworker and still active in the Hazlet Boxing Club at the time of his death.

SAMMY MARKOWITZ, FORMER WELter from Brooklyn, recently passed away at his home after a long illness. Sammy was the Chairman of the Board if the VBA Ring 21 of Brooklyn and a member of the Community Mayors of New York State Inc. He was very instrumental in raising funds for retarded children and will be missed by all.

LEN MAHONEY, FORMER BALTIMORE lightweight and welterweight star of the 1920s, recently passed away. Len scored two victories over ex-welterweight king Joe Dundee. He was installed into the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame in 1980 and was a member of Ring 101 of Baltimore. □

ASK THE STARS

Ring Magazine's indefatigable editors track down the biggest V.I.P.s in boxing to get answers to readers' provocative questions. If you have a query for a fighter, manager, promoter or anyone in the fight game, write:

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FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former world heavyweight champion

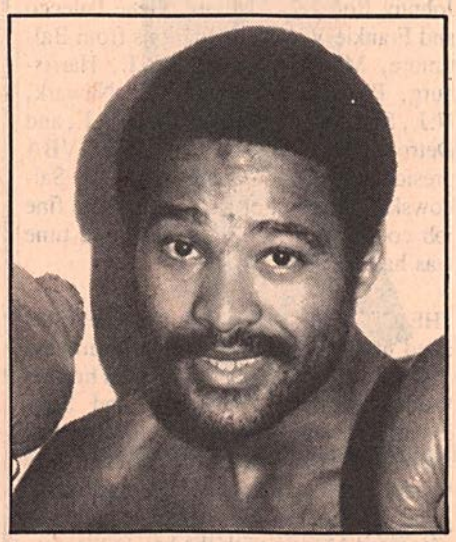
Q: What do you want to do with your free time after you retire.

A: I want to sit back and drink beer and watch these other heavyweights beat on each other. I neglected my wife Diane for 10 years. Now I want to spend the next 10 chasing her around the house.

FOR AARON PRYOR
IBF junior welterweight champion

Q: When are you going to leave drugs alone, make a serious comeback and once more become the great fighter who destroyed the legendary Alexis Arguello?
S.D., SOUTH WALPOLE, MA

A: I'm the world's champion, undefeated in 36 fights. I don't have time for drugs.



FOR WILFRED BENITEZ
Former three-time world champion

Q: A lot of people figured you were washed- up after Davey Moore stopped you, but you looked pretty good beating Kevin Moley. What do you think the future holds for you?

A: I'm still a young man and I'm still a good boxer. I still have my speed and my boxing ability. I know what to do in the ring and I know I can beat the champions out there now. People are going to be in for a shock. Wilfred Benitez is back.

FOR MICHAEL NUNN
Undefeated middleweight prospect

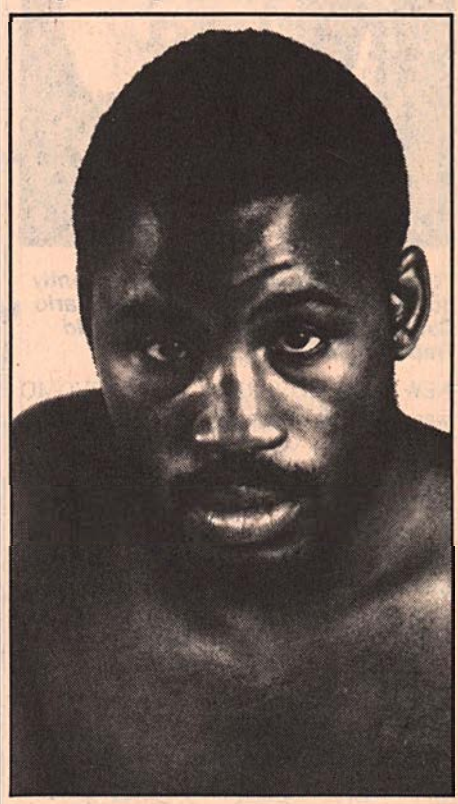
Q: You surprised a lot of people knocking out tough guy Marcos Geraldo in only five rounds. What is your timetable for a shot at the title?
J.B., LOS ANGELES, CA

A: Right now, I'm in no hurry, just taking them one at a time. In two and a half years, there is no reason why I shouldn't be ready to fight Marvin Hagler or whoever is champion.

FOR DONALD CURRY
WBA and IBF welterweight champion

Q: What do you think about all the rumors of boxers taking drugs like cocaine?
J.M., FT. WORTH, TX

A: People are aware there is a problem with drugs in boxing, but there is not adequate help for those who need it.

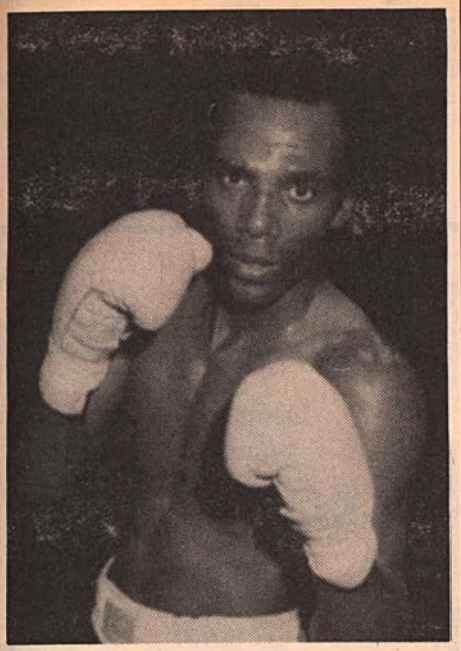


FOR MARVIS FRAZIER
Son of Smokin' Joe

Q: I watched your decision win over Jose Ribalta on TV. He's not even ranked in the top 20. How come you couldn't knock him out?
G.P.R., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A: When I got in range, he would hold me—he wouldn't let me go to work. I couldn't get my power shots in.

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION



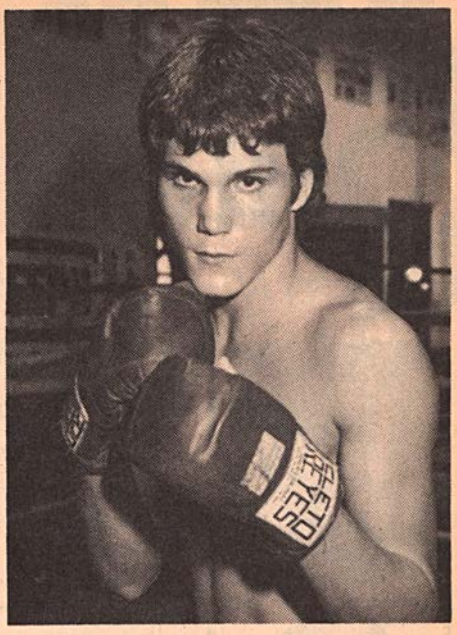
HAROLD BRAZIER RATES THE JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA JUNIOR WELterweight Harold Brazier is a throwback to the old-time fighters. He's always in shape, ready to fight anyone, anywhere, at a second's notice. In less than three years as a professional, Brazier has gone to the post 38 times, building a highly respectable 32-6, 20 knockouts, record. . . . He got off to a relatively late start as a boxer, coming into the sport through his interest in the martial arts. . . . "I was a black belt in karate and I didn't begin boxing until I was 24." . . . Following a 31-bout amateur career, Harold turned pro in May of 1982, winning a six-round decision over Lester Groves in Memphis. He had 20 more fights between then and the end of '83, losing six, all on the road. Several of these losses were to contenders in their hometowns. Lloyd Honeyghan outpointed Harold in London and Brian Baronet did likewise in Durban, South Africa. It was the extremely close loss to Baronet that convinced Brazier he could rumble with the best of them. . . . "The fans enjoyed the fight so much they threw over a 100 rand into the ring," says Pete Susens, Brazier's manager. Since the Baronet fight, Harold has run off 17 straight victories, including an eight-round knockout over Charlie (White Lightning) Brown that was televised over the ESPN cable network. . . . "We took the Brown fight for a small purse just to get the exposure," said Susens. "He (Brown) totally disrespected me because I was an unknown commodity," said Harold, who was leading on all three scorecards when the bout was stopped. . . . Although he is one of the busiest boxers in the country, Brazier still holds down a full-time job in an autobody shop. He is married with four children (two of each), who are among his biggest fans. . . . "They just love boxing. They think their daddy is Superman," says Harold. . . . Brazier may not be quite as invincible as the man from Krypton, but as Harold says, "The junior welterweights had better beware, because I'm going after the title.

1. Ubaldo Sacco
2. Lonnie Smith
3. Gene Hatcher
4. Bill Costello
5. Aaron Pryor
6. Ronnie Shields
7. Brian Baronet
8. Gato Gonzalez
9. Rene Arrendondo
10. Saoul Mamby

DARREN VAN HORN RATES THE WELTERWEIGHTS

THEY CALL UNDEFEATED DARREN Van Horn "Schoolboy" for a good reason. Although he has streaked to 18 straight pro victories (14 knockouts) in less than two years, he's only 17 years old and a high school senior . . . "I turned pro when I was only 15," reveals Darren. "I figured I had gone as far as I could in the amateurs and my father (co-manager G.L. Van Horn) lied for me so I could get my license." . . . Darren, who makes his home in Morgan City, Louisiana, is a straight "A" student and plans to attend college after graduation. While Darren's father is one of his biggest supporters, his mother doesn't like to watch him fight in person. . . . "She came to see me fight once and although I won, I got a bloody nose. Now she just likes to watch the films after it's all over." . . . Co-manager Leslie Bonano considers Van Horn one of the best prospects he has ever worked with. . . . "He's very mature for his age," says Bonano. "I didn't know he was only 15 when he turned pro. I had seen him in the amateurs and knew he had exceptional ability. He's got a great chin and loves to slug it out. Although this makes him a big hit with the fans, we're trying to get him to use his boxing skills more. In his last fight, he went toe-to-toe with Pablo Valdez for the first three rounds. We finally got him to start using his jab in the fourth and he knocked the guy out." . . . When asked if he thought his boxing career would conflict with his college education, Darren replied: "Right now, I think I can handle both. But if I got real hot in boxing and got a world title shot, I might lay off school for a short while." . . . Whether it's in the ring or in the classroom, this is one "Schoolboy" who seems to be headed straight to the top of his class.



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3. Johnny Bumphus
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5. Tommy Ayres
6. Colin Jones
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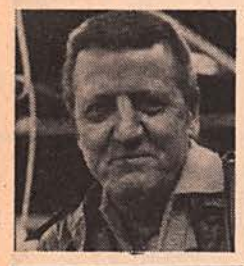
8. Simon Brown
9. Lloyd Honeygham
10. Roman George

IN THIS CORNER

This month we are paying pictorial tribute to some of the people who help make *The Ring* possible—our overworked and underpayed team of editors and correspondents. It is the dedication of these loyal men that allows *The Ring* to bring our readers the most comprehensive fight coverage in the world. They are the backbone of the magazine.

—The Editor



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